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Farmers urge £700 million cull of old cattle to win back public confidence in safey of beef

Cabinet may accept call for slaughter

night seriously considering the destruction of thousands of cattle as the only way to restore confidence in the beef industry as European veterinary officials upheld their plans for a world ban.

For the first time, the Prime Minister accepted that he might have to go beyond the advice of its scientific experts and embrace the National Farmers' Union scheme for the destruction of older cows.

That would involve the incineration of more than 800,000 animals a year, mainly from dairy herds, and cost up to £700 million in compensation. Some 16,000 a week would be culled as they reached the end of their working life and their carcasses destroyed rather than used for food Existing incineration fa-lities would be unable to handle such a volume, however, and new plant would have to be built.

The NFU put forward its plan - which has the support of the Country Landowners Association and leaders of the food industry - as farmers appeared to accept that there was no chance of controlling the catastrophe by reassuring consumers. But Tory MPs were privately critical yesterday, saving that one day the Government was proposing a cull, the next suggesting it would do nothing more, and then apparently reviving the

slaughter option. John Major said that the proposal would be carefully examined, but he blamed Labour for fanning public hysteria and made plain that if the cattle were killed it would be because the Government had been forced to accept that confidence could not be restored by the "sensible practical" measures that had been

In a vicious Commons clash with Tony Blair, he said that Mr Blair, Harriet Harman and Paddy Ashdown were to blame for destroying confi-dence after the Labour leader

had accused the Government of "mind-boggling incompe-tence" in handling the crisis. Stephen Dorrell, the Health

Secretary, was also given a rough ride over the Government's approach yesterday when mothers called a BBC Radio phone-in to accuse him of "appailing" complacency concern" for public safety.

scheme put to Mr Major, Mr Blair and Mr Ashdown by the NFU president David Naish yesterday is the option that would be the least disruptive to farmers while still being radical enough to stand a chance of impressing consumers and opinion abroad.

export trade with France.

of the past week show that we have gone beyond the stage of relying solely on science. The Government must take immediate action because the steps announced so far have failed to restore confidence among consumers and the entire food

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The selective slaughter

It is estimated that up to 16,000 cows are slaughtered for food every week, most of them dairy cows up to seven years old. The carcasses are mainly used to make cheaper meat products and have also been a big element in the

Older dairy cows are the most likely to have eaten the scrapie-infected feed that is thought to have caused "mad cow" disease before it was banned in 1988

Sir David said: "The events

Ian Gardiner, the NFU's director of policy, said: "We would be looking for compensation of around £800 an animal. We recognise that there would be real problems

animals. We have no market at all for that beef now because it is not on the menu anywhere and not in shops."

Ewen Cameron, the dairy farming president of the CLA, said: "I really do believe this would help to put the beef industry back on its feet because we would be removing any risk of BSE getting into the food chain. Most beef animals are aloughtered at an animals are slaughtered at no more than two years and no animal that young has ever developed BSE."

If the Government goes for the scheme, it will have to decide the minimum age of cows to be taken out of the food chain, whether to distinguish between BSE-free herds and others, and whether there might be a limited all-herd slaughter policy for the most affected herds.

There would also probably be an argument over the level of compensation. The NFU's figure of £800 per animal is about £300 more than the average market price for old cows before the crisis broke

The need for action has become more urgent as the European Commission is almost certain to impose a world ban on British beef exports today. The Commission's veterinary committee yesterday rebuffed British efforts to avert the move, which officials described as a pointless exercise undertaken at Mr Major's insistence.

One French official said: Why doesn't this fellow deal with the problem he's got instead of trying to unload the blame on Europe. Others said that that Sir Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, and Keith Meldrum, the Chief Veterinary Officer, had had

nothing new to say.
The ban will be formally announced after a vote among commissioners. The result is a foregone conclusion as only Sir Leon Brittan and possibly Neil Kinnock are likely to oppose the embargo.



Stephen Dorrell yesterday with cow motif cards from staff for his 44th birthday on Monday. The Health Secretary tells The Times today of the events that led to a government decision "to trust the people, give them the facts and leave them to draw mature conclusions". Interview, page 10

Mafia may have sold herd infected with BSE

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

ITALIAN complacency over mad cow disease turned to alarm yesterday as another case of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease surfaced and there were fears that the Mafia may have

sold infected beef. The Government sent 5,000 health inspectors to border points and processing plants to look for signs of bovine spongiform encephalopathy meat and live cattle.

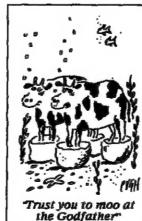
Police impounded British beef in Sardinia and Turin. and gave a warning that smugglers with possible Ma-fia links were trading British beef under "false health certificates" from Ireland.

Italy was one of the last EU countries to ban British beef last week. The press and media have bombarded Italians with reassuring statements from the authorities and experts, with the Ministry of Health stating repeatedly that there was "no cause for alarm". The Ministry of Agriculture said that only "negligi-ble quantities" of beef were imported from Britain, and

there was "no risk to the Italian consumer".

But it emerged yesterday that Francesco Melillo, 57, from Avellino, near Naples. had died in January from CJD after visiting friends on Italy's Adriatic coast. The death follows two publicly acknowledged cases of BSE in Sicily.

The Corriere della Sera newspaper, reporting growing



public "doubts and anxieties" over meat, milk and cheese products, said that Italy had been "under-dramatising" the

In Sicily, concern rose after it was revealed that most of a herd in which BSE had been discovered had been spirited away by the Mafia and may have been slaughtered for food.

Sources said that two cows suffering from BSE had been killed last year at Castel-lammare del Golfo, on the west coast of the island, on a farm belonging to Agostino

He is now in prison for alleged Mafia activities. When inspectors went to his farm, the remaining cattle had dis-

appeared.
There is a real risk of contamination," said a veteri-nary surgeon at the Institute for Animal Diseases in Palermo. "We have to step up controls, since many Sicilian farmers are not exactly keen to reveal the origin of their livestock."

Birds Eye stops making burgers

Hunting for Perfection~

BIRDS EYE has stopped making beefburgers at its factory Lowestoft. Suffolk, and moved the 1,000 workers to other production lines. But the frozen food company said that it would continue to sell its full

range of products. At the same time, the boycott of beef products grew as Virgin Atlantic Airways removed beef from its in-flight menus. British Airways also suspended beef from its children's menu and will no longer offer it as a single

Even the Ministry of Defence is advising military caterers that they should offer an alternative in barracks and Naafis.

Cattle markets throughout Britain were almost empty again yesterday as farmers stayed at home and beef prices continued to plunge. The num-ber of cattle being traded was no more than 2 per cent of the level last Tuesday.

Most abattoirs are refusing to accept stock because they cannot find any markets for the carcasses and farmers are holding their cattle back in the hope that demand for beef may recover.

In supermarkets, sales of en were forging ahead.

John Snagge dies aged 91

John Snagge, the voice of boat race radio commentaries for almost 50 years, has died aged 91. The broadcaster achieved fame during the Second World War when the BBC decided that its announcers should identify themselves to the public to avoid confusion with propaganda bruadcasts from Germany. Obituary, page 21

The Times on the Internet



British charity worker is kidnapped in Cambodia

By Tom Walker, Leyla Linton and Carol Midgley

CHRISTOPHER HOWES, a British charity worker kid-napped at gunpoint in northwest Cambodia, is believed to have been seized by a breakaway Khmer Rouge faction. Mr Howes, 36, was taken hostage with up to 27 other volunteers as he supervised mine clearing near Siem Reap. By last night he and his

Cambodian interpreter were the only two who had not escaped or been released. The kidnappers drove their captives north into Varin district, towards Khmer Rouge strongholds along the Thai border. Radio messages inter-cepted by the United Nations World Food Programme suggested that a ransom of £260

was being demanded for each of the Cambodian hostages then still held. As Mr Howe's family awaited news at their home in Bristol last night, they were aware that all the Britons kidnapped by the Khmer

Rouge in the past two years that 12 hostages had escaped had been killed. Dominic and ten had been released. Chappell, Tina Dominy and Mark Slater were all executed by the group in two separate incidents in 1994, along with two Australians and a Frenchman. The only foreigner to survive a Khmer Rouge kidnap in the past two years is Melissa Himes, who worked

for an American group. Last night the Cambodian for the release of Mr Howes and his assistant. leng Mouly, a Cambodian official, said



Mr Howes, who is unmarried, had been working as a mines specialist for the United Kingdom-based Mines Adv isory Group, a non-political organisation that has been

active in Cambodía since 1992.

night: "It seems they were

He helped to train civilians in the detection and destruction anti-personnel mines and had previously worked in Northern Iraq.
Archie McCarron, the group's programme director for Cambodia, said in Phnomh Penh, the capital, last

taken by a roving band of deserters. We don't know anything about who they are." In Britain, Roger Briottet director of the charity, said: 'We are very concerned for the welfare of our staff and are hopeful of an early release. We would like to affirm that our de-mining operation in Cambodia will continue."

Exam answers are put on Internet

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR CYBER cheating came to Brit-

ain yesterday when up to 20,000 candidates for Scotland's most challenging school mathematics examination discovered that they could read some answers on the Internet. An unknown person has already solved problems

problems accounting for 10 per cent of the marks in the Higher Grade examination, which is used for university entrance, and posted the answers on the global computer network. The solutions are for a coursework section, which allows pupils ten days to investigate topics away from the pressure of the

examination hall. The Scottish Examination Board last night resisted pressure to scrap the questions, which were unpopular with critics who claimed that parents did much of the work. A board spokesman insisted

that the answers alone would

not be enough to satisfy exam-

iners. But teachers' leaders

said that inaction would

amount to a "cheat's charter for the rich". Those with computers would enjoy a clear advantage over colleagues from poorer homes. Fred Forrester, deputy gen-

eral secretary of the Educational Institute of Scotland, said: "We will never know how many pupils read the answers. Nobody wants to get rid of these practical and investigative elements, but we are being overtaken by new technology and I do not see any alternative to awarding all this year's marks for the conventional examination." The board said project work

had been developed to test skills that could not be demonstrated in a traditional examination. "Each candidate has to produce a solution to the investigation under supervised conditions without the use of any notes, so candidates who have not properly understood the work involved would be unable to produce a satisfactory answer."



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Countryside ramblings bring out the unseen beast in Tony Blair

A ert Wareing (Lab., Liverpool W Derby) to interest the nation in lingering deaths through asbestosis failed at Prime Minister's Questions yesterday. Poor lamb: does he not understand? Until further notice, death by mad cow disease is the only permissible topic of parliamentary discourse. All other deaths are of no account, all other diseases trivial. Gun laws? That was last week. Is China at war with Taiwan yet? Sorry, our attention slipped.

It is just possible that if the Second Coming were to occur today, or Armageddon tomorrow, an MP might put down a Written Question. It is conceivable that if a meteor the size of Belgium were reported to be in imminent danger of slamming into the heart of London, some misguided backbencher might suppose this interesting enough to raise with the PM. Otherwise, MPs who know where their party advantage lies are best employed polishing sound bites on encephal-

Foremost among these is Tony Blair. With Her Majesty's Opposition roaring in support behind him, the Labour leader scored a decisive victory in politics if not in logic yesterday by demanding that John Major quantify the un-quantifiable. Major's failure to do so, quivered Blair in his churchiest stage tenor, amounted to "mind-boggling incompetence".

"Hear, hear!" shouted the Opposition. MPs seem to think that if they shout "What is the risk? What is the risk?"



loud enough, or demand "Is it safe? Yes or no?" with sufficient urgency, then the fact that nobody knows the answer to these questions will just dissolve in the face of their

Mr Major looked stumped for a means of resisting it. People often complain that MPs refuse to give a straight answer, but it would have been a brave and foolish PM who tendered an honest "I don't know" to the House of Commons yesterday.

So instead, Major tried to turn the tables on Blair and paint the Labour Party as the villains of the piece. If our beef industry were needlessly destroyed, he said, and panic triggered, we would know who to blame.

But the Prime Minister is whistling in the dark, and an undertone of exasperation in his voice yesterday suggested he knew it. The government benches, who support him to a man and woman over this, looked baffled and angry at their inability to get their counsel of hesitation across in

the Chamber or to the nation. Added to their practical concern about public alarm, it has come as something of a shock to the Parliamentary

how unscrupulous an instinct for the jugular Tony Blair possesses. Up until now it has been fashionable among them to represent him as out of his depth: possibly even wellmeaning, but lightweight, a fresh-faced assemblage of vacuities posing as a leader. cruising for a bruising when

the country finds him out. Now they see his ruthless-ness. The skill and speed with which he has exploited this crisis, the sang-froid with which (as they see it) he can

ter of four million cartle for the achievement of a few extra points in the opinion polls, dismays them.

Mr Blair represents Sedgefield. Sheep graze there. Sheep are susceptible to scrapie. Blair has been photographed in a Barbour jacket patting cows elsewhere in Britain. It is just possible that a link can be established between Mr Blair personally and the outbreak of mad cow disease. Short of this the Tories fear) all is lost.

Whitehall tries to stop publication of Scott documents

By NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITERALL CORRESPONDENT

SIR RICHARD SCOTT is involved in a dispute with Whitehall over plans to publish thousands of confidential government documents which he examined in the course of his inquiry into arms-to-Iraq. More than 12,000 official documents, referred to in the

Scott report, are due to be published in full in May, probably on CD-Rom. Several senior civil servants are un-happy at confidential advice to ministers from named officials being made public. Scott officials are at present

in discussion with Whitehall departments over what should be published and how much should be excised. The negotiations are very civilised but there are differences of opinion," a Whitehall source said.

Last week Sir Richard said in a lecture that he saw no evidence that Whitehall was about to change its traditional culture of secrecy in the wake of his report. He also attacked the Government's argument that advice from officials to ministers had to remain confidential in order to preserve civil service "candour"

A spokesman for Sir Richard said: "The judge made clear at the outset that he intended to publish as much material as possible. He is in discussion with various government departments but the final decision on what to

publish is his." The remit of Sir Richard's

inquiry left him with the final say over what is published. The documents he plans to make public include confidential papers from the Cabinet Office, the Ministry of De-fence, the Foreign Office, the Department of Trade and Industry and Customs and Excise. Letters between ministers, including the correspondence over public interest immmunity certificates be-tween Sir Nicholas Lyell, the

Attorney-General, and Michael Heseltine will be published. The briefings given by senior civil servants to John Major on arms-to-traq when he first became Foreign Secretary in July 1989 are also on the list of documents Sir

Tories support data freedom

JOHN MAJOR will come under fresh pressure from MPs today to introduce a Freedom of Information Act. The Tory-dominated Select Committee on the Ombudsman will recommend that Parliament enshrines for citizens a statutory right to official information.

Demands for a Freedom of Information Act have grown in recent months after the Scott report revealed the extent of the culture of secrecy in Whitehall.

Richard intends to make

However, material provided by the intelligence services to the inquiry will not be published. Sir Richard's favoured form of publication is CD-Rom, although this still requires the permission of Parliament. The documents will be presented to the House of Commons, as was the Scott report, but MPs will need to agree to accept them in electronic, rather than a more traditional, format.

The five volumes of the Scott report quote from many of the papers to be published and the release of the full documents is unlikely to unearth fresh areas of controversy. But the documents will provide historians and political scientists with a treasure trove of material exposing the inner workings of

Sir Richard was engaged in an earlier exchange with Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, over what the judge saw as Whitehall procrastination over supplying docu-ments that he had requested. After publication of the

background documents in May, Sir Richard's team of about a dozen officials will be dispersed. Most will return to jobs in Whitehall. Christopher Muttukumaru, the inquiry's secretary, will take up an appointment as a senior legal adviser at the Ministry of



An Inland Revenue advertisement for Hector showing him in "sexist" attire

Hector the Inspector taxes patience of Revenue staff

By Nigel Williamson, whitehall correspondent

TAX officers have taken umbrage at an advertising campaign which depicts them as numourless, old-fashioned "jobsworths" in bowler hats.

Inland Revenue television advertisements publicising the self-assessment scheme which feature Hector the Inspector are stereotyped, out of date and sexist, according to a Civil Service trade union. Hector, who also appears on inland Revenue leaflets, is a bespectacled middle-aged man in pin-stripe trousers carrying a furled brolly and wearing a bowler hat. He recalls no one so much as Captain Mainwaring of Dad's Army.

Graham Steel, of the Public

Services Tax and Commerce Union, said: "Inland Revenue workers are mostly young. female, low-paid and worried about their job security. They are not the sort who will be swaggering about town in a

bowler hat." Mr Steel, whose union represents 90 per cent of Inland Revenue employees, said that the figure belonged to a prewar era. "We are fed up and some find it downright offensive.

In one of the television advertisements. Hector is shown waking up in the middle of the night to file expense sheets in his bedside cabinet. The Inland Revenue said: "We wanted an image

Asbestos

which would capture people's attention. We did a lot of research about how to break through barriers and this is the one that seemed to work." But Mr Steel said only a

handful of civil servants looked like Hector. "Our workforce, especially those in the front line, have to be dynamic in their approach." The Inland Revenue said

Hector was fast becoming a heroic figure. "So far a quar-ter of a million people have phoned our hodine," said a spokeswoman. But she conceded that Hector was not an accurate reflection of most staff. "No. I don't wear a bowler hat and a pin-striped suit," she said.

Railtrack

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By Jonathan Prynn

TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

MILLIONS of small investors

encouraged to buy into the giant privatisations of the 1980s have been sidelined in

favour of more sophisticated

shareholders in the latest gov-

The glitzy hype of the British

Gas. electricity and water

industry sales have been re-

placed by grey images of tunnels, rail lines, bridges and

stations in the television and

newspaper advertisements for

Railtrack, which began run-

The £5 million campaign.

the cheapest privatisation

advertising project to date, has been kept low-key because of

the acute political sensitivity of

rail privatisation and because

Government advisers believe

that small investors who

bought privatisation shares in

the 1980s will not be attracted

Instead, they are relying on

more sophisticated private in-

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RUC 'should drop pledge to Queen'

NEWS IN BRIEF

The RUC should drop its oath of allegiance to the Queen and implement a series of modest reforms to make the force more acceptable to Roman Catholics, the Northern Ireland Police Authority said yesterday. In a report on the future of policing. the authority said the measures were necessary to tackle the huge imbalance between Protestants and Roman Catholics in

the RUC. Catholics account for just 8 per cent of the force. The report recommends that the 200-word oath, which dates back to 1868, should be replaced with a short oath sworn by police officers in Scotland which makes no mention of the Queen. The practice of flying the Union flag over police stations should be examined and the suffix "Northern Ireland's Police Service" should be added to the name of the

Tory revolt on divorce

Rebel Tory MPs are plotting a fresh revolt over the proposed reform of divorce law in the Commons next week. They plan to move amendments to bring back the concept of fault and reintroduce existing time limits. So-called "quickie" divorces would be stopped and no marriage would be ended in less than a year. Separated couples could divorce after two years by consent and after five years without consent.

School governors sought

Robin Squire, the Education Under Secretary, launched a £445,000 campaign to attract 60,000 school governors but denied there was a crisis in recruitment. The campaign comes amid concern that many, particularly parent governors, are turning their back on running schools. Last year's cash squeeze cost at least 5,000 teaching jobs and many governors found sacking teachers traumatic.

Bridge work too far

A programme to strengthen road bridges to carry heavier lorries in line with new European regulations is behind schedule. The National Audit Office reports that half way through the Government's £2.2 billion, 15-year programme to upgrade almost 15,000 bridges, only a third of the work has been completed. Failure to meet EU deadlines could result in heavy lorries being banned from many bridges.

20p trial cost £130,000

A teenager charged with stealing 20p was cleared yesterday after two Old Bailey trials costing £130,000. Michael Salmon, 19, was found not guilty of robbing Alexander Wright-Manning after a first (w y laued to reach a verdici Wright-Manning, 18, claimed he was told he would be stabbed and handed over a 20p coin. Salmon, from Manor Park, east London, said he had been lent it for a phone call.

Dunblane girl home



Amie Adam, left, shot in the thigh when Thomas Hamilton opened fire on her class at Dunblane Primary School two weeks ago today, killing 16 of her classmates, has left Yorkhill hospital in Glasgow. Amy Hutchison and Mark Mullan remain in hospital. Eirwen Bengough. the school's GP, appeals to doctors in this month's BMA News Review not to act as referees for handgun licence applications.

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Irish bomber jailed

James Ginley, 41, who spent 14 years on the run in the United States, was jailed for seven years by the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday for his part in a planned cross-border bomb attack in 1981. Ginley, from Monaghan town, surrendered to police and was arrested on a warrant issued in 1982. He admitted possessing an explosive substance at Shankill, Co Monaghan on October 25, 1981.

Scratching for Britain

The British Olympic Association has launched a charity scratchcard with a top prize of £100,000 in an attempt to raise El million to help to fund British athletes taking part in this year's games in Atlanta. The association will receive 20p from each El card sold. The card is being operated by Scratch & Win, which has run ten scratchcards for leading charities. including the Royal British Legion.



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company challenges judgment BY A STAFF REPORTER

ONE of Britain's biggest engi-neering companies claimed in the Court of Appeal yesterday that it was not liable to pay compensation to people who developed cancer from breath-

T&N is trying to overturn a High Court judge's decision in October last year that the firm must pay damages to two people who as children played in the drifts of white dust which blanketed the roads around their homes. It was the first time that a court had awarded compensation for asbestos claims made by anyone other than those working in a

plant. William Woodward, QC, for T&N, said one of the victims, Arthur Margereson, who died from mesothelioma, had played around the factory. JW Roberts in Armley, Leeds, for eight years before the dangers were realised and factory owners became liable to protect people from the risks.

Mr Woodward said that in the Leeds judgment, Mr Justice Holland had failed to define where the area of risk lay outside the factory walls. Evelyn Margereson, 70, was

awarded £50,000 for the death

five years ago of her husband. June Hancock, 60, who was awarded £65,000, is also suffering from the same cancer of the chest lining, was in court yesterday to hear the company's attempt to overturn the ruling, which became a test case for up to 40 other cases in the Armley area and possibly

500 nationally. She began her action soon after her mother died from the same illness and has been warned by doctors she has only months to live.

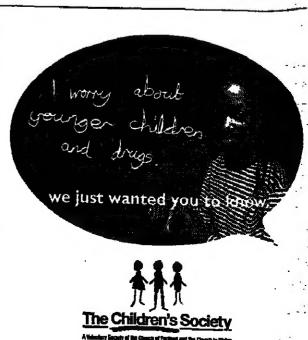
T&N, which was called Turner and Newall until 1987, has already paid £250 million worldwide to people directly affected by asbestosis and other related diseases. Mrs Hancock played among the dust that drifted from TW Roberts, a factory making insulating mattresses for boilers, in the late 1930s and 1940s. The hearing continues.

enthusiasts. The campaign, devised by the agency WCRS, features slogans such as "From the modest to the spectacular. Railtrack owns Britain's rail bridges" and "From the long to the short, Railtrack owns Britain's rail tunnels" superimposed on trainless railway landscapes. Other recent privatisation campaigns have relied on

"characters" such as Inspector Morose, played by Mel Smith, who helped sell the third tranche of British Telecom shares. Volcanoes, earthquakes and lightning storms accompanied the advertisements for last year's sale of shares in the electricity generators.

Paddy Ashdown stepped up the pressure on Labour yesterday over its pledge to restore Railtrack to public ownership by committing the Liberal Democrats to taking a 51 per cent controlling stake in the company.

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Killer 'knifed and shot Britons in Australian forest'

A CAVALRY sword, probably used to decapitate one of his victims, was among a mass of evidence linking an Australian roadworker to the murders of seven tourists, a court in Sydney was told yesterday.

On the second day of the "hackpacker trial" of 51-year-old Ivan Milat for the murders of two Britons, three Germans and an Australian couple, a iury was told that they were killings for killing's sake". Earlier the prosecution raised the possibility that more than one person might have been involved in the attacks.

The young victims were killed in a forest outside Sydney, using rifles and a large knife, Mark Tedeschi, QC. for the prosecution, said. He said a leather leash and other restraints were found near by and with some of the bodies, buried in makeshift graves in the forest.

As Mr Milat took notes, Mr Tedeschi added: "The seven backpackers were killed in ferocious and sustained attacks in which vastly more force was used than necessary to kill." Six of the backpackers were taken in pairs. Mr Tedeschi said the remains of two German tourists were found near what appeared to have been a "shooting gallery" in the forest where restraints and spent ammunition littered

the ground. them. Anja Habschied, had been decapitated, possibly with the cavalry sword found in the home of Mr Milat's mother, Mr Tedeschi said. Habschied's



sword to chop off head

head, apparently severed from behind, was never found.

The Crown does not know how many persons there were in the forest at the time of the alleged murders," he said, adding that the evidence linked Mr Milat with all seven backpackers. Mr Milat has denied murdering Joanne Walters, 22, from Maesteg, Mid Glamorgan, and Caro-line Clarke, 21, from Surrey; Germans Miss Habschied, 20, Gabor Neugebauer, 21, and Simone Schmidl, 21; and Australians James Gibson and Deborah Everist, both 19, between September 1989 and November 1992.

Their bodies earthed from shallow bush graves in the Belangio State Forest, near Sydney. Postmortem examinations showed all were killed using a gun or knife, Mr Tedeschi said.

The evidence also suggested sexual interference, he said, citing slashed clothing, and underwear and jeans which had been removed. Mr Milat was arrested in May 1994 at

Sydney where police found camping equipment belong-ing to the victims as well as parts of a rifle that fired ammunition found at the scenes of three killings, he

A rifle bolt found hidden in a wall cavity in the house was used at the scene of Miss Clarke's murder and near where the bodies of the Germans were dumped, he said. Blood-stained sash cord was also found in the garage and genutically tested against blood samples provided by Miss Clarke's parents.

Mr Tedeschi listed for more than an hour camping and personal equipment owned by the victims and found by police among the defendant's belongings. It included a photograph of his girlfriend, Challinder Hughes, wearing a green and white Benetton top which matched one worn by Miss Clarke.

Mr Tedeschi said that such had been the ferocity of the stabbing attack on Miss Walters that the knife cut several of her vertebrae and her spinal cord, which would have left her paralysed. A piece of fabric used to gag her was still tied around her head and her underwear was missing. Miss Clarke had ten builet wounds to the head and stab wounds to the back and chest.

Mr Milat has also denied attempting to abduct Paul Onions, a British tourist, who allegedly escaped from him after he gave him a lift in January 1990 by throwing himself in front of an oncoming vehicle to summon help. The case continues.



Before and after: the Duchess of York in typical exuberant pose and showing off her new sophisticated image

New-look Duchess presents bold face

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE Duchess of York has posed for a series of glamorous photographs which claim to show that she has adopted a new look to accompany a new lifestyle.

The photographs, published by Hellot, were taken during a seven-hour fashion shoot at a Paris hotel in January. The deal with the magazine was arranged by the Duchess's friend, Princess Marie Esmeralda of Belgium, who is co-owner of a photographic agency called Press

According to the magazine text, the Duchess has created a new look which combines "appealing fragility" with "ob-

vious determination". A spokeswoman for the Duchess declined to say whether she had been paid for the photographs or would be donating any of the money to

Earlier this year Buckingham Palace made it clear that the Queen was no longer prepared to offer financial sup-port to her daughter-in-law, who had a hank overdraft of at least £1 million.

"The deal was put together by Princess Esmeralda," the Duchess's spokeswom-an said. "It is still being discussed where the money is going. The Duchess has always given generously to charity in the

The Duchess's new lifestyle includes

workouts five days a week with her personal trainer, which prepared her for a gruelling desert horse race in Qatar last week. "The Duchess is now incredibly fit. She has lost a considerable amount of weight. We think the photographs look stunning," the spokeswoman said.

The fashion photographer Andre Rau took the shots of the Duchess, who is shown in black trouser suits by Yves Saint Laurent. Mr Rau told the magazine: "She's really incredible. I hardly needed to tell her what to do.

"At first I thought she might be a bit aloof because of her title, but she wasn't like that at all. In no time at all, we were all calling her Sarah."

Blunders at Scrubs helped jailbreak

By A STAFF REPORTER

A SERIES of security blunders surrounded the escape of two convicted murderers from Wormwood Scrubs, the first inmates to escape since the spy George Blake fled from the west London jail 27 years ago. a court was told yesterday.

An 18ft ladder used to scale the perimeter wall had been left out and the inmates who escaped had not had their movements properly logged, Knightsbridge Crown Court

In addition, concerns had been raised about a security camera "blind spot" where a blow torch was used to cut a hole in the inner security fence. John Geeson, the prison's security governor, also said he suspected a mainte-nance man who had been in charge of the prisoners had helped them to get away.

Mr Geeson was giving evidence on the first day of the trial of Anthony Coughtrey, 23, and Gary Johns, 30. They deny false imprisonment but admit escaping last July. The pair, who were serving

life, and a third murderer had been detailed by Michael Goldsmith, the maintenance man, to paint a workshop wall. Nicola Merrick, for the prosecution, said the two men overpowered Mr Goldsmith, tied him to an armchair and placed a pillowcase over his head. The third prisoner was tied up after he made it clear he wanted nothing to do with the escape. The trial continues.

Colleague guilty of assault for harassing woman

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

Miss Wilson.

movements.

Constanza carried out his

campaign he intended to

harm or was so reckless that

he ignored the risk that Miss

Wilson, a computer operator,

to simple anxiety and stress.

hope that she would go out

with him. "I did not under-

stand her reaction to me, I was

acting in a decent manner. I let

my emotions get away with

me," he told the court.

A MAN who harassed a treated by her doctor for lemale collegue with letters and telephone calls for two years was found guilty of assault yesterday. Gaetano Constanza was convicted in spite of never attacking the woman with whom he had become infatuated after speak-

ing on the telephone. It is the second successful conviction of a stalker under existing criminal law within a month. Stalking is not an offence at present, but both the Government and the Labour Party are considering making

it a specific crime. Yesterday Louise Wilson, 23, was in the public gallery at Luton Crown Court as Judge Moss told Constanza that his offence was "exceedingly serious". Constanza was remanded in custody while psychiatric reports are prepared and warned that he faced a

"lengthy custodial sentence". Miss Wilson, of Round Green in Luton, said afterwards: "I am determined to get my life back to normal. I don't want to be a victim any longer, and now this case is over I can start to get my confidence back to do the things I used to enjoy".

Constanza, 31, from Luton, pleaded not guilty to assault occasioning actual bodily harm between 1993 and last year. The prosecution claimed his behaviour amounted to an assault by causing Miss Wil-son to become ill. She was

workers call hunt to kill fox

constant sickness and weight loss and when she was referred to a psychiatrist was diagnosed as being clinically gardens. He bombarded her with 800

letters, telephone calls and bouquets of flowers after they spoke on the telephone at Vauxhall Motors, where they both worked. Constanza, an Italian, wanted to go out with She told the jury that he had invaded her life with letters, silent telephone calls and visits to her home. As his obssession increased she be-

The waterfowl gardens were founded in 1957 by Sir Peter came afraid to leave her home, stopped playing sport, attend-ing a combat club and walk-Scott and are home to 800 ing to the shops because he would be watching her The judge said the jury had to be satisfied that when

Mr Clarke said: "We are in the conservation business but we were at our wit's end to know what to do with this fox. We had tried every other

could suffer mentally. They also had to agree that his The Fitzwilliam Hunt did actions directly caused her not turn out in costume but clinical depression as opposed one of the joint masters with half a dozen hounds tracked the fox to its lair near the edge Constanza admitted he had pursued Miss Wilson in the

of the gardens.

One of Britain's premier trout fishing waters, Blagdon Lake near Bristol, was closed after 250 fish were found dead. Pollution is being investigated

Wildlife

By EMMA WILKINS

A WILDLIFE conservation trust was forced to seek help from a local hunt after a fox killed 25 birds at a waterfowl The animal had made re-

peated raids on the Peakirk Waterfowi Gardens near Market Deeping, Lincoln-shire, killing birds valued at £3,000 over six weeks. They included a rare Hawaiian goose and a flamingo. Bromley Clarke, the manager, was forced to overcome moral objections and called in the Fitzwilliam Hunt, which found and killed the fox on

birds from 140 species. The Hawaiian goose was one of the most popular birds at the centre, which receives 50,000

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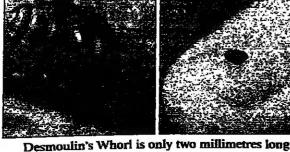
Miniature snail slows pace of Newbury bypass work

BY TIM JONES

WORK on part of the Newbury bypass could be further delayed while conservation experts decide what to do with Desmoulin's Whorl, a snail no bigger than a breadcrumb.

Lawyers acting for Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, gave an undertak-ing in the High Court yesterday that they would consult English Nature about the endangered snail before moving in to clear the Rickety Bridge campsite. Demonstrators said that the snail study could delay work by weeks al-though this was denied by Alan Odey, the Highways

Agency project engineer. The 2mm-long snail, Verdigo moulinsiana, is protected under the European Habitat Directive, which requires governments to protect the best sites as special areas conservation. Desmoulin's the undertaking by the De-



Whorl may have been living

in the area since the last Ice Age. Dr Martin Willing, who surveyed the site for Friends of the Earth, said the population was "the densest I have seen for more than 20 years".

the nine-mile, £100 million bypass had hoped that the Government would be forced to designate the site as a special area of conservation.

lation was not disturbed. Demonstrators opposing

Mr Justice Sedley said that

partment of Transport meant that it would discuss with English Nature the method and eviction and clearance of the site. The consultation would have the intention of ensuring that the snail popu-

The judge dismissed the appeal by demonstrators that they had a right to be on the land to defend the snail because of the Government's failure to pass conservation

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MoD to buy ro-ro ferries for rapid deployment force

By Michael Evans, Defence correspondent

TWO roll-on, roll-off ferries are to The 300-man tri-service centre, to be he bought for the Armed Forces as part of a £150 million package to boost rapid deployment capability. Michael Purtillo announced yesterday that the ferries, with more light artillery guns and advanced communications, will be available for the new joint rapid deployment force, which will be operational in

Next week the Defence Secretary will open a permanent joint forces headquarters at Northwood, northwest London, which will be responsible for planning and running deployments of British forces in conflicts or peacekeeping missions.

commanded by Lieutenant-General Christopher Wallace, will be responsible for dispatching the rapid deployment force, a brigade-sized unit of about 5,000 soldiers, based on 3 Commando Brigade and 5 Airborne Brigade. The force will be supported by

RAF aircraft and helicopters, Army attack helicopters, specialist am-phibious shipping and other units selected for specific missions. An armoured battalion group and a mechanised infantry group will also be selected for possible deployment with the new force.

The SAS is to be given a new home at a disused RAF base after the planned closure of its headquarters in the suburbs of Hereford. The regiment has been hunting for premises for some time because Stirling Lines, its base for about 40 years, has limited space for training. Yesterday it was confirmed that the elite regiment would move to Credenhill, a disused RAF base a few miles away.

for moving men and equipment rapidly to trouble spots without having to charter available merchant vessels. A senior defence source said: "What we need is assured availability. If you are to move something like mechanised infantry quickly, it is critically important to have a fundamental element of your sealift on tap."
As part of the drive for flexibility

and joint forces operations, the RAF is planning to link up with the Royal Navy in a new strategy that will see air force ground-attack Harriers deployed side-by-side with Sea Harriers on board aircraft carriers. In training trials this month, two Harrier GR7s from RAF Wittering in Cambridgeshire have been flying from the carrier HMS Illustrious in

Further trials are planned later this year when RAF Harriers will carry out nightnime flights from either Illustrious or HMS Invincible.

Captain Jonathan Band, comnander of HMS Illustrious, told the Navy's newspaper, Navy News:
The combination of the two aircraft employed from the sea in a power projection role is something that we need. It would give us the option of putting, say, six GR7s on board with six to eight Sea Harriers which would give us a much greater weight of attack or presence."

Under the new strategy which has yet to be formally approved, the RAF Harriers would stay with their their new designated role each year. Navy sources said this month's trials were aimed at ensuring that the new Harrier GR7, which has bigger wings than its predecessor, the GRS, would be capable of sharing the flight deck with the Navy's Sea Harriers. During the trials, the two different types of Harrier conducted joint hombing exercises on ranges ashore and flew against jets from the American aircraft carrier. USS George

Washington. As part of the new flexible policy between the Services, Army Lynx helicopters have also been operating from warships off Portland in training exercises.

Swimming

champion

in crash is

home at last

By CRAIG LORD

THE swimmer Alex Bennett

left hospital yesterday almost

seven weeks after a head-on

car crash shattered her hopes

of competing for Britain at the

Olympic Games this summer.

"I can't wait to get in the water," she said as she left.

The Commonwealth gold and

silver medallist must first use

the hydrotherapy pool to help her to walk again. She suf-

fered injuries to her hip.

knees and ankles in the crash.

training in Nottingham to

prepare for the British Olym-

pic trials. Those ended in

Sheffield on Sunday and Ben-

nett, who would have almost

certainly qualified, was allowed out of hospital for the

day to support her former

Bennett, 19, from Notting-

ham, thanked the staff of the city's Queen's Medical Centre. She added: "I'm glad

they let me out to attend the

trials. It was good to see so many of my friends make the

Olympic team. I'm only sorry

Chris, her mother, was

delighted at her return: "It's a

I can't be there with them."

tions to her ankles."

pics in Atlanta in July.

Bennett had been driving to

Army may let women join battle tank crews

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN may serve in future banlefield tank crews after an all-party Commons committee approved expanding their role

in the Army. Women already fly fighter iets and helicopters and foould be engaged in offensive ac-tion", the MPs on the Defence Committee said in a report on manning and recuitment. At present only 47 per cent of all posts in the Army were open to women, the report said. Army chiefs were reviewing their possible role in combat units and decisions were due this summer.

Research was also being carried out by the defence evaluation and research agency to develop a series of physical fitness standards and tests as part of an overall study

of women's role.

The committee said it welcomed the reviews and the prospect of wider opportunities for women in the Army. Deployment of women in tanks and infantry in the direct contact battle will be seen by some as a major step. For others it is a natural

progression," the report said.
The MPs said that for some years women in all three services had been working in positions of danger "where they can be involved in combat, whether in support of the frontline, at sea in warships or at RAF bases". They recommended that before any decision was made by ministers to deploy women in armoured regiments and infantry, "the legal and social issues involved should be debated in

the House". The report also found that one reason for the manpower shortage in the Army was the relatively high number of new soldiers who failed to complete their training. The drop-out rate among women was significantly higher than among men. Lack of fitness was

week early, but three weeks another factor. The MPs said the Army was later than the date she might short of 4.711 soldiers. While have come home on had she not needed subsequent operathe overall size of the Army was still in line with plans, it Bennett, national winter would go into "deficit manchampion at 400m freestyle, ning" this year and next. That had delayed going to univer-Navy and RAF, both of which sity by a year to concentrate on preparing for the Olymhad been able to meet their

recruitment targets.

Blunder silences Queen's tribute to Polish Jews

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN WARSAW

A COMPUTER error prevented the Queen paying tribute yesterday to the wartime bravery of Polish Jews.

A packed special session of the Polish parliament listened appreciatively as the Queen described the courage of Pol-ish forces during the Second World War. According to the text distributed in advance she should then have said: "Nor can we ever forget the suffering of the Polish people under Nazi occupation, nor the terrible fate of Polish Jews."

But she went straight on to her next paragraph, recalling that postwar liberty for Poland had been delayed by the

The blunder was particularly unfortunate because the Queen was criticised by some British Jews last week for not including a visit to Auschwitz in her historic state visit to Poland. A visit to a Holocaust memorial in central Warsaw was hurriedly added to her programme.

A Palace spokesman said last night: "The omission of one sentence in the speech was absolutely unintentional. The computer printing out the Queen's copy left it off the bottom of the page. It is enarely our fault, and we very

much regret it." In the remainder of her Poland's ambition to join Western institutions, including the European Union and Nato. In a clear message to Russia, which has voiced objections to the eastward expansion of Western European defence, she said: "We strongly support the enlargement of the European Union and

Nato, we are in sympathy with your aim to join these bodies, and we are determined that that aim cannot be subject to a veto by any other country. Poland needs Europe, but Europe also needs Poland." Later the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh enter-

tained Lech Walesa to tea in the Belvedere Palace where they are staying. Poland's former President was their guest at Buckingham Palace and Windsor in 1991. Mr Walesa was on the guest list for the Queen's official lunch for Polish dignitaries in Warsaw's Bristol Hotel yesterday, but he declined because President Kwasniewski, who defeated him in elections last

November, was attending. After the 25-minute private meeting, Mr Walesa said: The Queen and I are like old friends; we go back a long time. She is still the mother of her nation; in democracy in Poland we have destroyed so many institutions that we need a point of reference." Mr

Walesa, however, appears to harbour no ambition to be Poland's first king for 201 years: he plans to return to work in the Gdansk shipyards.

Five Polish generals were also missing from the lunch despite having invitations. When they arrived they found there were no seats for them Instead, they were likely to be invited to last night's gala ballet performance in the Queen's honour at the National Theatre Warsaw.

During the second day of her state visit the Queen was presented with a lump of old aluminium, said to be part of the fuselage of an RAF Liberator bomber that crashed during the Warsaw uprising in August 1944. "That's very historic," the Queen said, glancing hurriedly at an aide to take charge of it.

It was presented when she laid a wreath at a memorial in a Warsaw park marking the spot where the bomber went down. Only one crew member, Henry Lloyd Lyne, survived the crash and he had travelled from his Cornish home for the ceremony yesterday. Mr Lyne, 73, was touched but not overly impressed by the gift to the Queen. "Every time I come here, somebody gives me a bit of aeroplane. They say it is mine. I have a



Alex Bennett leaving the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham yesterday

Teenagers jailed for fatal attack

TWO muggers were jailed for two years at the Old Bailey yesterday after they admitted robbing a newspaper seller who was celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of VE-Day. Thomas Kidd, from Brixton, south London, who was in his 60s, died four days later from a ruptured liver and abdominal bleeding. He initially declined medical help.

Charges of manslaughter were dropped on the direction of the judge, the Recorder of London, Sir Lawrence Verney. The two youths, now aged 17. cannot be named because of their age at the time of the attack. They robbed Mr Kidd of his £75 takings.

Vicars sacrifice marital joy on the altar of work

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

with their love lives. For

nearly 12 per cent, the interfer-

ence with their love life was "a

VICARS' wives suffer in loneliness at home and endure unsatisfactory love lives because of their husbands' demanding jobs, according to a new study by a dergyman. Eighty per cent of clergy complained of working abnormal hours and said it was making a misery of their home lives.

Three out of four vicars and rectors admitted that their wives had complained of loneliness and had at some point accused their husbands of caring more for their parishioners than for them.

Nearly 60 per cent of vicars

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had no social life to speak of, while even more complained that their workload interfered

source of especial stress". More than 80 per cent said the abnormal hours they worked were a cause of "marital tension" and admitted that their home lives were suffering because of the stress. The Rev Clifford Bowman,

38, a married rector in Worksop, questioned more than 60 vicars and rectors on occupational stress for a paper he is writing as part of his studies for an MA at Nottingham University. He was invited by the Bishop of Southwell, the Right Rev Patrick Harris, to present his findings to all the clergy in the

Mr Bowman, who had asked 300 questions about his subjects' physical health, the burden of paperwork and administration, family life, ability to delegate, their perfectionism and the training they had received, found that vicars were given an academic training unsuited to the practical demands of parish

Few had the management skills as well as the pastoral for the job. Fifty-nine per cent said they had no social life. While attempting to be a good husband, they often assumed their wife would understand" when they had to spend time with their parishioners instead.

Mr Bowman said: "Clergy tend to have strong assump-tions of what a good husband should be like. The turbulence begins when a priest feels that the demands and expectations placed on him by his work are making it increasingly hard for him to live according to his assumptions of what he or she should be like as a good husband and father, or wife and mother These expectations are in-

creasingly in conflict."

He said that in some cases vicars' wives had amended the questionnaire. Where the vicars had said their jobs did scribbled: "Oh yes it does."

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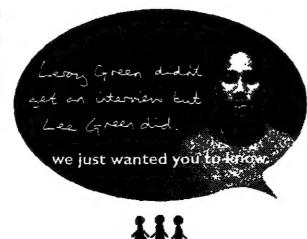
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Howard hails success of strategy but insists ministers are far from complacent Fall in crime marred by rising violence

VIOLENT crime and robberies increased last year in spite of an overall drop in recorded offences in England and Wales for the third consecutive year. The 2.4 per cent fall to 5.123.600 recorded offences during 1995 was also blighted by a rise in crime during the second half of the year.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, praised the downturn, pointing out that it was only the third time this century that there had been three consecutive falls. The others were 1912-15 and 1951-54.

He was unable, however, to explain why there were 42,776 more recorded crimes in the second half of 1995 compared with the first six months. "I cannot guarantee that every set of crime figures that are produced will follow the

downward trend," he said. We continue to be determined to light crime and we are sending a message to the criminal that there is no hiding place. Our strategy is having an impact but we are far from complacent.

Police welcomed the decrease in 1995 but said that the

rise in violent crime was a matter of concern because it was an area less susceptible to prevention initiatives. Violent crime rose 2 per cent from 310,900 to 316,300 and the number of robberies, mostly street muggings, rose 14 per cent to 68,400.

Sir Trefor Morris. Chief Inspector of Constabulary, suggested that one reason for the increase in robbery might that police operations against mugging had encouraged more people to report

Fred Broughton, chairman of the Police Federation, said: "We should be very concerned by the increase in reported robberies. Although violent crime is still only 6 per cent of all known crime, the underlying trend is upwards."

The clear-up rate for offences has not improved. A culprit was found for only 26 per cent of crimes, the same as in 1994. Interviews with criminals already in jail accounted for 20 per cent of the offences cleared up.

Mr Howard will unveil the next phase of his drive to curb



The Home Secretary said the statistics were sending a message to criminals

crime when he announces proposals for tougher sen-tences tomorrow. He is eager to ensure that the rise in the second half of last year is contained. There were falls of l per cent in 1993 and 5 per cent in 1994, giving a total fall of 468,000 crimes during the past three years. In spite of this, however, there has been an annual average increase of 3.6 per cent in recorded crime

during the past decade. Dur-ing 1995 there was a 15 per cent increase in drug trafficking, to 21,300 offences, a 24.7 per cent rise in perverting the course of justice, to 4.413 and a 16 per cent increase in kidnapping, to 1,250.

Violence against the person fall 1 per cent from 210 200 to 1

fell I per cent from 219,200 to 217,500, in contrast with the overall rise in violent offences. It is the first time since 1949

that offences of violence against the person has fallen in a calendar year. Within this category, the number of homicides - including murder, manslaughter and infanticide rose 3 per cent to 746. Threats or conspiracy to murder rose 3.8 per cent to 7,061. Recorded child abductions increased 24 per cent from 337

Sexual offences fell 5 per

cent to 30,400, the first drop since 1990. Gloucestershire police recorded the largest year-on-year fall in this category, of 30 per cent, but its 1994 figure was increased by the Frederick and Rosemary West case.

The number of reports of female rape remained stable at about 5,000 and there were 152 reports of male rape, which was made a specific offence in the 1994 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act. Buggery and indecent assault of men and women fell, as did the number of reported offences of unlawful sexual intercourse with girls under the ages of 13 and 16.

Property offences fell 3 per cent to 4.8 million. Burglary from homes fell from 679,600 to 646,700 though burglary from other premises rose 3.3 per cent to 597,029. Home Office staff suggested that the increase was linked to changes in how the offence was classi in how the offence was classified. All forces now record burglary from a garage or shed that is not attached to a house as non-domestic.

Vehicle offences dropped 4 per cent from 1,376,400 to 1,323,500: thefis from a vehicles fell from 842,000 to 814,000 and theft of cars or unauthorised taking away dropped almost 5 per cent to 502,925.

The Home Office's annual statistics carry a warning, which points out that a large proportion of crime is unrec-orded as many offences are not reported to the police. The British Crime Survey, which is based on interviews with a representative sample of 10,000 people, consistently shows a much higher rate of crime than the police statistics.

A 17 per cent rise in

muggings was announced yesterday by the Metropolitan Police, whose figures were included in the Home Office statistics, But Sir Paul Condon, the Commissioner, said there had been a sharp drop since the launch of Operation Eagle Eye, aimed at prevent-ing street robbery. In August 1995 the number of muggings was 3,570; in February this year it had fallen by 28 per

Sir Paul blamed a 9 per cent rise in recorded burglaries in London on the reclassification of garage and garden shed

cent to 2,587.

SATURDAY IN THE TIMES

Kate Muir meets Emmanuelle Béart, femme fatale, in the Magazine

Melvyn Bragg on goddesses ancient and modem, in Weekend

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Household Survey

Elderly disprove predictions of a feeble old age

By Ian Murray and Dominic Kennedy

BRITONS are not only living longer but are staying healthier in old age, according to an authoritative survey on the health of the elderly. Although the population is growing older, there is no increase in the proportion of feeble, infirm or dependent people.

The finding suggests that the 21st century, far from being a nightmare of weak old people becoming a burden on the shrinking proportion of young people, could be a golden age of active, sprightly pensioners.

The figures surprised re-Population Censuses and Surveys, who yesterday published the General Household Survey 1994. Bob Barnes, head of the social survey, said: "Despite the ageing population, the proportion who cannot get out and look after themselves

hasn't changed.
Potentially that has quite a large significance for the next century if that were to be the beginning of a trend. If the proportion of dependent dis-abled unable to look after themselves doesn't increase, it is not such a gloomy outlook as some are predicting."

In the past 25 years, the number of people aged over 75 has increased from 4 per cent to 6 per cent of the population. The proportion of these pensioners aged over 85 has increased from 6 per cent to 9 per cent since 1980, an increase of about 110,000 people in the oldest age group.

past year compared with less than 25 per cent who said it had not been good. This is a slight improvement on the 1980 figures, but the fact that there are now many more in the older age group means that overall the health of the

elderly is improving.

The need for health and social services support has nevertheless grown because the proportion of elderly people living with their child-ren or close relatives has dropped from 21 per cent to 15 per cent since 1980.

Elderly people said they were able to do less than usual on 54 days a year because of illness, but overall only 13 per cent said they were unable to manage going out and walking down the road unaided.

The researchers were concerned about the 39 per cent who lived on their own but were unable to perform simple self-care tasks. Of these, 9 per cent needed help to bathe and 31 per cent could not cut their own toenails. Among those aged over 80 the proportion

This group will require intensive support from an outside source, either relatives or friends or NHS or personal social services, if they are to remain living in the commun-

ity," the report says. Those living alone are buying more modern gadgets, although they are more likely to have a microwave over than a video recorder or CD

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player. □ Living in Britain: Results Nearly 40 per cent of all elderly people said their from the 1994 General Househealth had been good over the hold Survey (HMSO: £23.50) More women drink 'unhealthy amount'

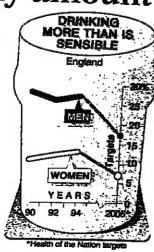
THE proportion of women who drink more than is sensible has increased by almost a fifth in two years. The increasing popularity

of alcohol and a growing reluctance among smokers to give up cigarettes are putting the Government's Health of the Nation targets jeopardy. By 2005, ministers want

fewer than 7 per cent of women to be drinking more than 14 units of alcohol a week (seven pints of beer or 14 glasses of wine). Although the Government raised the sensible drinking level for women to 21 units in December, the Health of the Nation targets remain unchanged.

In 1984, 9 per cent of women drank 14 units a week. By 1992 that had risen to 11 per cent and yesterday's survey shows that by 1994 13 per cent drank more than 14 units. "You can't overlook the increasing access to alcohol over the past 20 years in supermarkets and general stores," the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys said. "You also have the increased popularity of drinking among women, perhaps to do with increasing indepen-

dence and wider social life." Men also seem reluctant to reduce their drinking, with 27 per cent continuing to drink more than 21 units a week.



The Government wants to reduce the figure to 18 per cent by 2005, although it has since raised the sensible drinking level for men to 28 units.

Although smoking is declining, the rate of giving up is much slower than in the 1970s or 1980s. The Government wants fewer than 20 per cent of both sexes to smoke by 2000, but 28 per cent of men and 26 per cent of women are

still smoking. Among girls aged between 16 and 19 cigarette smoking rose to 27 per cent in 1994 from 25 per cent in 1992. In 1974, one in three men smoked cigars, but 20 years later the figure was down to 6 per cent.

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A funny thing happened to British animator on the way to the theatre

Thompson scores Oscar double with thanks to Austen

BRITISH stars and filmmakers basked in the Oscars limelight yesterday, with Emma Thompson and Nick Park making cinema history.

precedented double by adding an Oscar for the screenplay of Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility to her acting trophy, the 1991 Academy Award for Best Actress. Nick Park, cre-ator of the Plasticine characters Wallace and Gromit, won the Best Animated Short Film prize for the third time. Park's 1996 Oscar for A Close Shave. commissioned by the BBC, joins his Academy Awards for Creature Comforts, 1991, and The Wrong Trousers, 1994: he has won an award for each film he has submitted.

Receiving the award for the Best Adapted Screenplay at the Los Angeles ceremony on Monday night, Thompson, 36. said: "Before I came. I went to visit Jane Austen's grave in Winchester Cathedral to pay my respects and tell her about the grosses. I don't know how she would react to an evening



Nick Park with his third Oscar

like this, but I do hope she Uruguay."

Park. 37, who runs Bristolbased Aardman Animation. made a typically modest speech: To Wallace and Gromit and all the crew back home, thanks a lot — we did it again." He confirmed he has had talks with Hollywood executives about making a feature-length animated film. But Wallace and Gromit will not be in it.

It used to take all day to

shoot 48 frames of Wallace

AND THE WINNERS WERE

Spacey, The Usual Suspects Supporting actress: Mira Sorvino, Mighly Aptrovitle Director: Mel Gibson, Braveheart Foreign film: Antonia's Line. The Natherlands Screenplay (written directly for the screen): Christopher McQuarte, The Usual Suspects. Screenplay (based on material previously produced or published): Emma Thompson, Serise and Sansbilly. Art direction: Eugenio Zanetii. Thompson, sense and sensoning, Art direction: Eugenio Zanetti, Restoration. Cinematography: John Toll, Braveheart Sound: Rick Dior, Steve Pederson, Scott Millan, David MacMillan, Apolio 13, Sound effects editing: Lon Bender, Per Hallberg, Braveheart. Original musical or comedy score: Alan Manker and Stephen Schwertz.

Pocahorilas Original dramatic score: Luis Bacalov, The Postman (il Postmo). Original song: Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz, Colors of the Windfrom Pocahonias. Colors of the Windfrom Prochantas.
Costume: James Acheson, Restoration Documentary feature: Anne Frank Ramembered Documentary (short subject): One Survivor Ramembers Film editing: Mike HIII, Dan Hanley, Apolio 13 Makeup: Peter Frampton, Paul Pattison, Lois Burwell, Braveheert, Antimated short film: A Close Shave. Live action short film: Leberman in Love. Visual effects: Scott E. Anderson, Charles Gibson, Neal Scanlen, John Cox. Babe. Gordon E. Samyer award: Donald C. Rogers, for sound technology. Honorary award: Kirk Douglas. Honorary award: Chuck Jones, animator. Special achievement award: John

team, with Park "directing". meant A Close Shave was completed at the lightning pace of six seconds a day. The 30-minute cartoon caper, in which Wallace and his tetchy dog Gromit fight crime, took ten months to film, at a cost of £1.3 million. It will be shown again on April 5 on BBC1.

Park himself had a close shave with a policeman on Monday night. He decided to drive to the Oscars in a red motorcycle and sidecar. like the one driven by Wallace and Gromit. He was pulled over and cautioned for not wearing The best documentary

feature prize went to the BBC's Anne Frank Remembered, a history of the young Jewish diarist who died in Belsen. including interviews with those who knew the Frank family. The film, to be screened again on April 8 on BBC2, was written, directed and produced by Jon Blair. Collecting his prize, Blair was accompanied to the platform by Miep Gies, who had kept the Franks alive as they hid from the Nazis in an Amsterdam attic, and who, he explained, had found Anne's diary after the family was rounded up. "Without her, Anne Frank's story might never have been told," he told the audience.

British animators further success, with the Oscar for Best Visual Effects going to Jim Henson's Creature Shop in Camden Town, for creating the talking farmyard animals in Babe. Neil Scanlan collected the award on behalf of the company. "Animatronic" animals that speak like humans included a piglet hero, a duck, cat and a sheepdog.

Other Britons celebrating esterday included Michael Kuhn, president of Polygram



Emma Thompson acknowledges the applause

Filmed Entertainment, whichhad many Oscar successes: Kevin Spacey was named Best Supporting Actor for The Usual Suspects — co-produced by the British producer Robert Jones; and Christopher Mc-Quarrie won best screenplay (written directly for the screen) for that film. Susan Sarandon was named Best Actress for Dead Man Walking.

James Acheson, another Briton, won his third Oscar, being named the Best Cos-

tion. He won his first Academy Award in 1987 for The Last Emperor and his second a year later for Dangerous Liaisons.

Wilf Stevenson, director of the British Film Institute, said: Our film industry is alive and well in Hollywood. What we need is to bring back to the UK all that skill and expertise."

Nigella Lawson, page 17 was the home where many of her novels.

North and South will reap rewards

BY DALYA ALBERGE

A CLUTCH of Oscars for two films are expected to boost tourism in northern and southern Britain this year. Scotland will reap the rewards for the success of Braveleart and Hampshire, the "home" county of Jane Austen, for Sense and Sensibility.

Braveheart, directed by and starring Mel Gibson, picked up five Academy Awards. The savage epic of the 13th-century Scottish patriot William Wal lace was largely filmed in Ireland, although parts were shot in Glen Nevis and Fort

The producers were wooed to Ireland by advantageous tax concessions for film-makers and the need to escape Highland midges and the

unpredictable weather.
Derek Reid, chief executive of the Scottish Tourist Board said: "If there had been an Oscar for Best Supporting Country, I'm sure Scotland would have picked it up."

Jane Austen spent most of her life in Hampshire and the county's Jane Austen museum at Chawton has already seen an increase in visitors in the wake of the success of the BBC Television version of Pride

and Prejudice.
"We are absolutely delighted and thrilled about the.
Oscar, said Frances Fee. Hampshire County Council's marketing and promotions manager, referring to Emma Thompson's award for best

dapted screenplay.
"It was terrific that Emma Thompson referred to Winchester Cathedral in her acceptance speech and gave us a

The county today launches a free Jane Austen Country tourism booklet at the British Travel Trade Fair in Birmingham. It details the novelist's links with Hampshire and the museum, which was the home where she wrote

Colourful actors win few plaudits for dress sense

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

HOLLYWOOD black bow tie, white shirt and dinner jacket requested for the 68th Academy Awards

ceremony, choosing instead an array of casual, collariess

Jim Carrey, the \$22 millionfilm comic actor, wore a dark, full-length undertaker's necktie. Robin Williams, presenting, opted for an artsy, stiff-angled ribbon sculpture around his neck, while Steven Spielberg walked on stage in black shirt, black tie and

black jacket of differing shades. He looked terrible. Steven Seagai, announcing an award, wore a black vest under his black jacket and a red sapphire and gold "meditation" ring. One thought of a rightclub bouncer.

Equally unconventional were Oscar winners such as the Apollo 13 editor who wore a round brooch under his Adam's apple, the sound di-rectors from Braveheart who both appeared to have forgotten to affix collars as well as ties to their dress shirts, and the sound team from Apollo 13 who managed one tie

Will Smith, the co-presenter, wore a wide-lapelled casual jacket over a biliowing silk shirt sans tie. Jeremy



Gibson: teamed black tie with tartan waistcoat

Irons, one-time epitome of Old World chic, went for the look favoured by bond traders at City functions in the Eight-ies: horrid gold waistcoat and (ugh) a butterfly collar.

Mel Gibson was another in the patterned waistcoat brigade - inevitably - of tartan. Nor could one look for reassurance to the orchestra pit where Tim Scott, the conduc-

It was left to the old goard to remind us of how good black tie can look. Martin Landau, Richard Dreyfuss and John Travolta, tradition ally attired, were the smartes men in the room.

Cadbury agrees £10m Street deal

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

CORONATION STREET is to be sponsored by the chocolate firm Cadbury in a £10 million deal. Cadbury's name will appear in the opening and closing credits of the programme and the company will have the right to attach the Coronation Street name to its products in special promotions.

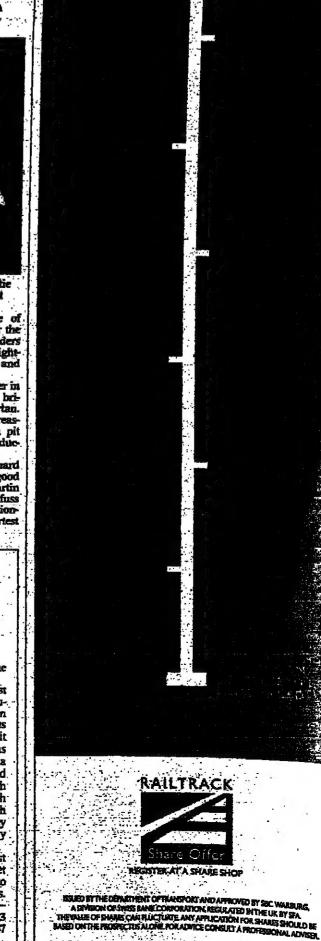
British television's biggest sponsorship deal is timed for the autumn to coincide with the introduction of a fourth weekly episode of Coronation Street. Andrea Wonfor. joint managing director of Granada Television, which makes the programme, said that there would be no

gratuitous close-ups of

Cadbury products in the Street's store, the Kabin. Coronation Street, first broadcast in 1960, is regularly watched by 18 million viewers. Despite its obvious attraction to advertisers, it has taken nearly 18 months for Granada to agree a sponsor. Previously it had seemed close to deals with Pedigree Petfoods and with makes Tetley tea, Tetley beer, Pedro Domecq sherry

and Dunkin Donuts sponsorship was Diet Coke's E4 million deal to sponsor ITV film premieres.

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fused to accept yesterday that he had misjudged the public mood over "mad cow" disease. although he acknowledged that the past week had been one of the toughest of his The Health Secretary, who

has endured a punishing round of ministerial meetings, Commons statements and press interviews since the furore began, said the experience was "not dissimilar" to the crisis when Britain was mechanism in 1992; as Financial Secretary to the Treasury. Mr Dorrell attempted to defend the pound as he is now defending beef.

Mr Dorrell appeared cool and relaxed minutes after being mauled by angry mothers on the BBC Radio 4 phone-in programme Call Nick Ross. Accused of "appalling" complacency and a "frightening lack of concern" for public safety, he was barely able to get a word in to defend

Afterwards, the Health Secretary brushed aside the charge that he had sheltered behind the Government's scientific advisers and had failed to respond to legitimate public

"I flatly refuse to accept that people are incapable of considering the evidence when it is presented to them," Mr Dorrell said. "Of course, I understand that real concerns are raised by this and the first reaction is to ask how bad it is going to be. But once you get through the first reaction, I am absolutely sure that in a modern democracy Government must trust the people, give them the facts and leave them to draw mature

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This is the third food scare that Mr Dorrell has encountered in politics. In 1990, he made his first speech as junior Health Minister, on the risks from shellfish, during a Commons debate on the Food

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Safety Bill. Earlier, during the salmonella-in-eggs scare of 1988, a constituent who had lost her baby after being infected with salmonella while pregnant came to consult

Dorrell, MP for Loughborough, who was 44 on Monday, had to cancel a birthday celebration to appear on BBC2's Newsnight after making his Commons statement that children were at no greater risk than adults from

Today, he will appear before a special joint session of the Commons health and agriculture committees called to consider the issue of BSE - six years after he first gave evidence on the subject to the

We must give people the facts and leave them to draw mature conclusions

select committee as junior health minister.

He was first warned of the present crisis over beef two weeks ago by the Govern-ment's Chief Medical Officer, Sir Kenneth Calman. The Spongiform Encephalopathy Actvisory Committee (Seac) was meeting to discuss ten cases of an apparently new strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. Although their conclusion, that it was likely to be linked with BSE in cattle, was grim, Mr Dorrell de-cided from the outset to tie his actions to the scientists'

He said yesterday: "I was rung on Sunday night at home in Worcestershire by my private secretary. He told me the conclusions that the Seac committee had reached. I was

obviously very concerned. But I was determined that we would proceed at a deliberate pace and not be seen either to be complacent or to over-

He alerted ministerial colleagues the following day and it was agreed that Seac should be asked to draw up policy recommendations before its findings were made public. The committee met on Tuesday afternoon and deliberated until the early hours of Wednesday morning. Its conclusions were delivered in time for the Cabinet meeting at 10.30am that day which was attended by Professor John Pattison, chairman of Seac,

and Dr Calman. There was a lot of concern and discussion and question-ing both of the scientific findings and the policy recom-mendations. The scientists then left and the Cabinet reached its conclusion that the Seac recommendations should be implemented." The conclu-

sions were presented to Parlia-ment last Wednesday. Mr Dorrell admitted that he had felt the strain last week in defending the Government's position while the critical advice on what to do about children was still awaited.

"I am quite clear that I had no choice but to make the core finding public last Wednesday while the full scientific recommendations were still incomplete. It has been easier this week because the policy re-sponse is complete. I am clear in my own mind that the advice is unambiguous, namely, that the product is to all intents and purposes safe to

Beef will continue to appear on the menu of the Dorrell household and his children, aged seven and three, would eat it if they chose to do so. "I will not stop them eating it,"

Simon Jenkins, page 18 Leading article and



Tory 'incompetence' mocked

By ALICE THOMSON POLITICAL REPORTER

TONY BLAIR accused the Government of handling the beef crisis with "quite mindboggling incompetence" yes-terday and told the Prime Minister he lacked any sense of responsibility. John Major blamed Mr Blair's front bench for having done all they could to undermine confidence in the agriculture industry and for whipping up

The two clashed at Prime Minister's Questions as Mr Blair tried to force Mr Major to quantify the risk from eating beef. Mr Blair said: "Don't you realise this country expects you as Prime Minster to take responsibility?" Mr Major replied: "I would

have thought you and your colleagues had done enough damage in the last few days THE COMMONS

that you would now ston trying to create health scares by inviting responses from any minister that can only competently come on the basis of scientific advice." But after repeated attacks, Mr Major hinted that the

Government may be forced to take further action, including the selected slaughter of cattle, if unwarranted scares continued to undermine public confidence in beef. Several Tory MPs with

farming constituencies made it clear that Mr Major needed to reassure the public fast that British beef was best. Others blamed the media. Paul Marland, (Gloucester-

shire W) said the media should despatch investigative teams to Europe "to study what's known in Europe as staggers and manganese deficiency, which is actually BSE under another name."

David Ashby (Leicestershire NW) said the issue was not a party political crisis but a crisis for the whole nation. He said, "Can you persuade Mr Blair to stop making cheap party political points, which are doing the farming community so much harm?"

Labour MPs made it clear they thought the public knew exactly who was to blame. Mike Hall (Warrington S) told Mr Major: "Given your disgraceful performance this afternoon, do you remember telling the House that the Government had always and immediately acted upon the expert advice given to it by scientists on BSE? Yet you ignored early recommendations that BSE should be monitored through cattle

Lawyers query justification for Brussels ban on exports

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE European Commission could find itself in the dock of the European Court of Justice if it endorses the proposed ban on beef from Britain.

Lawyers specialising in community law were agreed that the Commission had power in theory to impose a ban, at least in Europe, although some questioned the basis for a worldwide ban. But the "sixty four thousand dollar question", as one lawyer put it, "is whether any ban is justi-fied on the scientific evidence currently available."

If the Government did take the Commission to the European Court, it would be on the ground that a ban on beef exports was "disproportion-ate" to the problem it sought to

Alastair Sutton, a barrister with the Brussells law firm Forrester Norall & Sutton said: "In matter of the common agricultural policy and external trade, the European Community does have what is called 'exclusive competence' to make decisions. These are the two classic areas where we have ceded power."

He said that although EU treaties provided for free trade, there was allowance for exception on grounds of protecting human health.

There was a clear consensus among lawyers yesterday that the Government could mount a challenge on whether the scientific evidence was such that public health needed a ban for its protection. A key principle underpin-

ning community law is that of proportionality, which has been developed over the years in rulings by the European Court. It means that any remedy - in this case the ban must be proportionate to the ill it seeks to address. Gerald Barling, QC, a lead-

ing European expert, said:
"Any challenge to both an EU
ban or a worldwide ban would probably brought on

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grounds of proportionality. rather than the Commission's inherent power to impose a ban." If the Government took the Commission to court and won, the Commission - or whichever EU institution imosed any ban - could be liable for damages.

Peter Freeman, head of EUlaw at Simmons & Simmons. said: "It seems to me that the Commission is pushing the basis of legality quite far. It looks doubtful that they have a very clear black letter power. They seem to be basing any proposed ban on some general competence and the indirect effect on trade. This does raise proportionality: whether such action is too extreme on the basis of the evidence."

Keith Hendry, an EU specialist with Clifford Chance, agreed that the Commission had power to ban imports andexports within the community although a worldwide ban

was a "grey area."
"I would start to have doubts. Are they basing such a ban on good evidence? One would ask whether they are concerned not so much with public health as with the market.

Even if a challenge might be possible in principle, other lawyers indicated yesterday that it might be difficult to sustain. Marina Wheeler, a community law barrister, said: "A ban falls fairly and squarely within what is allowed under article 36 on grounds of what is necessary to protect public health. The only way it could be challenged is by saying that any ban, on the advice of the scientific and veterinary committee, is unreasonable on the basis of the evidence put before it.

That committee clearly has decided that human health is at risk, and on that basis I can't see that the Government could succeed in challenging

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Appeals for calm cannot halt consumer stampede

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The one lesson you would have thought Government would have learnt over the past few years is that you can't buck the markets. That applies as much as to the consumer market for beef as to the foreign exchange

It is no good believing you are right, as John Major evidently does. In the long run, he may be correct that the risk from eating beef is very small, and that is what the current scientific evidence suggests. But what matters in a panic is the short run — and ministerial appeals for calm will not restore the confidence of beef consumers and producers. Mr Major recognised that yesterday in laying the ground for a government retreat over slaughtering, while seeking to shift the blame to irresopposition

comments. Appeals to reason failed over sterling's membership of the exchange-rate mechanism in September 1992 and are likely to fail again over beef. One of the failings of the Major Government is stubbornness and a reluctance to

times of market pressure. That was true in the summer of 1992 as the Government stumbled inexorably towards Black Wednesday - as is vividly brought home by Philip Stephens's new book Politics and the Pound and the same trance-like immobility has been repeated over the past week.

An essential political skill is to know how to escape from difficult situations rather than to make them worse. When the new scientific evidence appeared about a possible link between BSE and CJD, ministers should have realised the likely impact.

Their holding statement was bound to produce the reaction it has, albeit inflamed by some panicky stories and shrill reactions from some Labour spokesmen. It is obviously right to rely on scientific advice but that is a necessary, rather than sufficient, condition for

judgment. Ministers would have been more sensible to have pre-

sumers rather than to allow uncertainty to develop. It is no good saying everything is fine when you have just said your previous assurances have been proved wrong. That has inevitably fuelled fresh doubts. Action of some kind has to be taken to demonstrate that consumers need not worry and to revive the beef market, as Paddy Ashdown argued yesterday. The cost of limited action on

pared plans to reassure con-

bolic, need not be very high. Tory MPs are divded on the issue. Some argue that the fuss is much overdone and that the farming lobby has too much influence, while farming MPs are demanding that something must be done. Of course, the issue is not above politics, that is pious nonsense. The Government deserves to be criticised for its mishandling, though Stephen Dorrell has shown a sure touch in most

slaughtering, however sym-

of his public appearances. But some of the Labour reaction has been over the top. It is crass to pretend that any government — Labour as well as Tory — would not face the same dilemmas over balancing the scientific evidence with the interests of consumers and producers. There is no simple solution, only a least worst one. Tony Blair's forensic approach and Gavin Strang's experience and knowledge have been preferable to Harriet Harman's partisan exaggershowed the price which Labour is paying for having been in opposition for so long.

Beef will not be on the front pages for ever. These rows normally only stay in the headlines for a week or two at most. People will start eating beef again. The Tories' standing in the polls is likely to suffer in the short-term and the affair may reinforce existing public doubts about its competence. however unfair Mr Major may regard such a reaction. BSE is likely to be remembered as merely a footnote in the history of the Major Government, but in its decline rather than its recovery.

PETER RIDDELL

Carcass disposal would be huge task

SCIENCE EDITOR

ANY policy involving the large-scale slaughter of cattle to control BSE would face formidable logistical diffi-

The National Farmers' Union argues that the best policy would be to destroy cows that have reached the end of their productive lives. That would not require any new slaughtering facilities since such animals are already being killed. But instead of being used for food, the carcasses would be destroyed, which could present

In 1967-68, to control an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, 212,000 cows were slaughtered and burnt in the fields, along with 108.000

SLAUGHTER OPTION sheep and 114,000 pigs. But

foot-and-mouth presented no danger to human beings. A similar policy could not be followed for the much

larger numbers of cattle involved in the NFU plan. It takes high temperatures to destroy the infective agents, so furnaces would be needed to ensure safety. Otherwise, the infection might escape and reenter the food chain. Similarly, the slaughtered cattle could not be buried for fear of contaminating water courses. Slaughtering could be the

least of the problems, Ian Gardner of the NFU said. We already slaughter about 3.3 million cattle every year, 800,000 cows and 2.5 million younger creatures," he said. "There is a lot of surplus slaughterhouse capacity so increasing those numbers might not be impossible."

Mr Gardner and others at the NFU argue that suspect cattle are safer alive than dead. "So long as they are alive they can't spread the disease and they don't give it to their progeny" he says. They are perfectly safe."

Industry sources said yesterday that abattoirs could start closing and laying off staff within the next ten days unless beef sales started moving again and the European blockade was lifted.

Britain's 484 abattoirs employ 15,000 people and earn about £3.5 billion a year. A further 100,000 people work

cessing plants that the abattoirs supply.

The abattoirs' difficulties have been compounded by the decision to ban the use of any abattoir waste in feed for farm animals. As a result, thousands of tonnes of waste material remain uncollected at slaughterhouses.



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Contamination scare spreads to gelatine, biscuits, fish and chips, cosmetics and medicines

Food firms try to cut all sources of British beef

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND ROBIN YOUNG

FOOD manufacturers were considering dropping British beef from a wide range of products last night as consumer concern grew over the mixed messages coming from the Government and the European Union.

Customer service departments of shops were bornbarded yesterday by record numbers of telephone eatisfrom customers. Birds Eye Wall's is expected to become the latest company to ban British beef from its prepacked food. Customers telephoning the company helpline were assured that deliveries would be halted by the end of the week.

The Vegetarian Society said it was handling more than 400 telephone inquiries a day. Chris Olivant, the information manager, said: "The difficulty of avoiding beef fats and extracts means that choosing products carrying the 'suitable for vegetarians' symbols is the only quick way of ensuring you do not eat beef. It saves having to trawl through the

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fine print." Asda and Tesco have offered a list of foods that do not contain British beef by-products. Tesco will differentiate between its Irish and British beef products for the first time. Sainsbury's announced yes-terday that it would label all CONSUMERS

foods containing beef or beef

CPC, the manufacturer of Bovril and Knorr products, is considering using "no British beef" signs on its labels, and British beef may be dropped from Oxo cubes for the first time. Even fish and chips are not immune from the beef threat, as many shops use beef lard for frying. United Biscuits, whose

hrand names include McVitie's and KP, said it was considering ways to keep Brit-ish beef out of its foods. The company exports 25 per cent of

Nestle said that all its confectionery was imported from Germany and France but a small proportion of chilled desserts contained gelatine. "They will be affected. We are very concerned by the European Union move," a spokesman said.

Boots confirmed that beef was contained in a small number of its cosmetics and medicine. But the company declined to name the products or the source of the beef. Beef is also involved in the manufacturing process of Benylin expectorant cough medicine. Max Factor was considering whether to continue the use of beef tallow in its lipstick range.

An emergency board meet-

Seven Seas Health Care, the some of the gelatine manufacmarket leader in vitamm suptured in this country is made plement capsules. Alan with imported materials." Clements, the commercial di-rector, said: "The gelatine

from German beef, is of

pharmaceutical grade and much better than that used in

loids, a leading gelatine man-

ufacturer, said yesterday that

there was no substitute for

gelatine as a gelling agent, emulsifier and stabiliser.

Most gelatine used in confee-

tionery is made from pigskin.

but is often blended with

gelatine from beef bones and

hides. "It is impossible to

guarantee that a gelatine does not contain anything derived

from British beef, because

there is a world trade in the

raw materials of beef bones

Roger Jones of Croda Col-

confectionery."

that sales of beef products used in all Seven Seas prodwere down sharply. A spokes-woman said: "We have detectucts does not derive from British beef or beef by-proded a switch to other animal ucts. If the EU ban includes protein, such as poultry, lamb our products, that would be a and pork." Tesco's growing export busitravesty. The gelatine comes

ness, mainly to Cyprus and the Middle East, was likely to be affected. "We will obviously have to take stock of what is happening and see how it is going to affect us, but clearly it will have an impact." Sales of venison have

soared. Brewn Court Deer Farm at Llansoy, near Chepstow, Gwent, sold out last night for the first time in steaks sell at £0.20 a pound.

Barbara McElney, the owner of the 180-acre farm, said: "We have had faxes for mailorder supplies from all over the country. There is not a steak left in the shop."

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Pork and poultry in

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EXPERIMENTS

PORK and chicken are unlikely to be affected by the BSE scare, experiments at the Cen-tral Veterinary Laboratory have shown (Nigel Hawkes

While the symptoms of BSE can be induced in pigs by injecting material from infect-ed cows into their brains, feeding them the same material does not cause the disease. The same experiments have

been carried out with chickens, with even more clear-cut results. They could not be infected with BSE either by feeding or injection. Sheep could be more of a

potential problem. While serapie has been present in sheep for at least 200 years, there is no evidence that it can cross to man. But sheep fed BSEcontaminated material do develop the disease. This opens up the possibility

that BSE-infected sheep could be more of a threat than those with scrapic, but there is no evidence of this happening.

France says mass slaughter may be only option

BY DUK FOREIGN STAFF

BRITAIN should slaughter its entire cattle herd if questions persist on the danger posed to humans by BSE, the French Agriculture Minister said

"If it is a question of public health, then why not?" Philippe Vasseur told La Tribune newspaper, adding that France was anxious to help solve the crisis and called for European solidarity to aid the British beef industry. He accepted that British farmers would have to be paid

compensation. Vasseur's comments were the latest effort by the French Government to con-vince the public that BSE is almost entirely a British phe-nomenon and that beef produced in France is quite sale. On Monday the French authorities slaughtered a herd of cattle in Brittany after one was found to be insected with BSE.

France has introduced a system to enable consumers to distinguish imported meat from home-produced beef. French meat will carry a red. white and blue label with the initials VF. standing for "Viande Française" - a somewhat unhappy choice since the initials VF might also stand for "vache folle" or mad cow.

Irish police launched a massive security operation vester-day along the border to prevent farmers in Northern Ireland from smuggling canle into the Republic to beat the a statement saying it used ban on British beef. Extra

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officers were drafted into borsmuggling could harm the reputation of the Republic's beef industry which is worth ES billion.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, rejected calls from farmers in Northern Ireland to treat their beef separately from beef on mainland Britain.

GERMANY

A woman showing the symptoms of Creuzfeldt-Jakob Disease worked in a Bavarian restaurant where she often handled cow brains, a doctor said yesterday.

Bastian Conrad, a Munich neurologist treating the 36-year-old woman, said she had lost consciousness and was dying. She was showing CJD symptoms but he could not make a complete diagnosis until after her death.

PORTUGAL

Thirty six reported cases of BSE have been exclusively among cattle imported from Britain, officials said vesterday.

Portuguese farmers are reluctant to undertake inspections or reveal cases because the Government does not pay compensation for the slaugh ter of infected animals. ITALY

Meat importers said they would use other European suppliers in place of British beef. McDonald's Italia issued

A realistic guide to avoiding risk

in a Scottish territorial regiment. I was taken back to tea by my squadron leader. He strode through the nursery where his young family were having lea, turned to me and said: "We won't drink that— kid's drink." We finished a bottle of brandy in his study.

There has always been a macho component to choosing food. Sitting in a West End restaurant this week it was interesting to guess which diners would make a point of ordering the roast beef and who would opt for the safety of fish, noodles and seaweed. My squadron leader would have been proud to see how many men were not frightened by a prion and defied this infective agent by

ordering heef. Ordering a totally safe. heef-free dish is not easy. The soup with dumplings might have looked safe but the best dumplings are made from heef suct, and who can be certain that beef extracts have not been added to the soup?

IN 1951, when a young officer er oil and multi-vitamins, not to mention the other nostrums wrapped in capsules of gelaline whose origin is unknown.

To be 100 per cent certain that in future no transmissible

spongiform encephalopathy will get the chance to attack your grey cells, you would have to become vegetarian, eat organically grown fresh vegetables, eschew fish unless cooked in plain vegetable oil, renounce pastry, biscuits, cakes unless home-made and avoid taking capsules or having a sweet pastille with coffee. We must all have eaten products made from beef butchered before precautions against BSE were introduced.

I will continue to avoid composite beef dishes, sausages and pies and similar food and will not buy beef until the results of the present research are known. But I certainly would not bother about the small amounts in vitamin capsules or Norfolk dumplings, nor would I recommend that my patients did.

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Seeds of mortality sow fear on island

BY NICK NUITALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

AN ALIEN tree brought to the Caribbean by Victorian botanists is rampaging through Jamaica's Blue Mountains, threatening scores of rare species and

the country's coffee plants. Scientists from the University of Wales, Bangor, and the West Indies, said yesterday that finding a way of curbing the mock orange was a race against time. The Blue Mountains are home to more than 500 rare plants of which 275 are unique to Jamaica. Dr Devi Prasad, from the University of the West Indies, Kingston, said he feared many of these will be lost if the tree, Pittosporum undulatum, is allowed to spread unchecked.

The tree has such dense crown that it is blotting out sunlight, killing plants which stop soil being washed away dur-ing heavy rainfall. Details of the threat will

emerge tomorrow when the scientists get £43,000 under the Darwin Initiative, a British Department of the Environment programme set up after the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 to conserve wildlife in the developing world.

The mock orange was brought to Jamaica in the 19th century from Australia by Kew Gardens, but spread partly due to local birds adapting to eat the fruit and then spreading Communist regime demands support for handpicked councillors

Hong Kong's civil servants told by China to toe line

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHINA has put more pressure on Hong Kong by telling senior civil servants here yesterday that they must demonstrate their support for the Peking-appointed Provisional Legislative Council, which will be established before the 1997 takeover.

This places civil servants in the position of having to support a policy opposed by their present masters, the Hong Kong Government.

In recent days, China's appointed 150-member Preliminary Working Committee -which is establishing the next government apparatus - has announced the abolition of the present wholly elected Legislative Council in 1997, and denied membership in the provisional body to any democrats currently serving.

Council's Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office, said that senior civil servants would have to show their support for the provisional council, but did not say whether civil servants could continue in office if they failed to do so. Because the provisional council will be operating months before the takeover, there will be, in effect, two law-

dence. "If they cease such activities, then relations be-

tween the two sides can be

relaxed and after that we can

discuss anything else." Tai-

wan, he stated, could enjoy

unofficial trade and cultural

ties with the rest of the world.

but could not seek diplomatic

recognition or membership of

the United Nations. Peking

regards Taiwan as a renegade

the "door is open" to Taiwan,

Taipei was continuing its ac-

tivities to "split the mother-

land". He also accused a

"certain country", clearly America, of interfering in Chi-

na's internal affairs by selling

will be waiting by the door".

day of a softer Peking stance.

weapons to Taiwan.

Mr Shen said that although

Peking rules out a Taiwan summit

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

THE conciliatory mood in China-Taiwan relations after Taipei's presidential election seems to have been shortlived, with Peking yesterday ruling out a bilateral summit.

The United States carrier, USS Independence, was sailing back to her base in Japan, leaving only her sister ship, USS Nimitz, on patrol off eastern Taiwan. The Nimitz's presence is being reviewed every day. Yesterday Shen Guofang,

the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, repeated Peking's standard preconditions before any high-level meeting can take place between President Jiang Zemin of China and Lee Teng-hui, his Taiwanese counterpart, who savoured an electoral triumph on Saturday despite China's attempts to

"I think this [summit] is not on our agenda, because we would still like to see whether the Taiwan side will stop its activities to create two Chinas or one China, one Taiwan," Mr Shen said, referring to Taipei's push for indepen-

In Peking, Chen Ziying. deputy director of the State

making bodies sharing some members, although the laws enacted or abolished by the

number of seats of any party in the council, said: "If this is really the position of the Chinese Government, i think they better take Hong Kong back immediately - no need to wait until 1997". Patten attacked: Sir Antho-

life after 1997"

new council would not come

A member of the Prepara-

tory Committee, Eric Lee, who

serves on the present council,

said he objected to the Peking

proposal because civil ser-

vants must be neutral. Anson

Chan, the Chief Secretary,

gave a warning against "any

action that in any way erodes confidence or makes civil ser-

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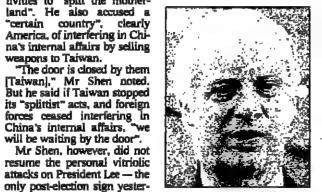
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Cheung Man-kwong, a member of the Democratic

Party which holds the largest

into effect until after 1997.

ny Jolliffe, a former Lord Mayor of London, called himself "a champion for China", attacking British and American stances towards Peking and calling Chris Patten "a failure", the newspaper Eastern Express reported in Hong Kong. Sir Anthony, a businessman trading with China, also defended China's stance on Taiwan. Attacking Mr Patten, he said: "Britain should send a man of stature to Hong Kong rather than a former MP who has lost his seat in an election. Sending a failure to Hong Kong to negotiate with the Chinese is an insult to the Chinese people." (AFP)





Thousands queue in Hong Kong for the special passport giving them visa-free access to Britain and many other countries as the deadline draws near

Passport fever in colony

BY JONATHAN MIREKY

WITH 8,000 people applying daily for the British Dependent Territories Citizens Passport, the Hong Kong Government has been forced to open special facilities to cope with the rush. -

The deadline for applications is at the end of this month. A spokesman for the Immigration Department said yesterday that up to 80,000 people may apply be-There are 2.2 million people

among the colony's six million population who are eligi-

ble for the passport, which gives the holder visa-free access to many countries, in-cluding Britain. The measure was announced by John Major during his recent visit to the colony. The passport does not, however, give the holder residential rights in Britain.

Most Hong Kong visitors only spend a few weeks or up to two months in Britain. Few remain behind illegally. Those who want to emigrate prefer to go to Canada, the United States and Australia.

question nagging Hong Kong citizens who have established residence abroad is whether they will be grant-ed Chinese chizenship if they, return here after China gains sovereignty over the colony in 1997. This week Peking arnounced that the right would be extended to them if they refused to claim consular protection from those countries for which they hold a second passport. But many are objecting to this caveat because of uncertainty about

the nature of Communist rule. About 500,000 Hong Kong citizens, who hold foreign passports, have returned here after establishing their right

Kashmir mosque siege ends

who took refuge in Kashmir's holiest Muslim shrine on Sunday after a gun battle with police, left peacefully last night as clerics vouched for the safety of hair from the Prophet Muhammad's beard kept in a vault (Christopher Thomas

The Prophet's hair once disappeared from the Hazratbal mosque on the shore of Dal Lake in Srinagar, capital of the Kashmir Valley. prompting riots until it was found and declared authentic. More than two dozen gun-men from the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front took refuge there. The remaining gunmen were also surren-dering, police said.

Grenade attack

Lucknow, India: Seven people were killed and about 100 injured when grenades were hurled at a low-caste politician addressing an election rally in Uttar Pradesh. The politician was among the dead. (Reuter,

Rescuers die

Johannesburg: Ten rescuers trying to save a miner were killed in a rockfall at Tshikondeni coalmine in Northern Province, the mine company Iscor said. The min-er's fate is unknown. (Reuter)

Mafia sentence

Rome: A former leader of Italy's defunct Socialist Party, Giacomo Mancini, 79, has been found guilty of links to the Calabrian Mafia and sentenced to 3½ years' jall in Palmi (Reuter)

Times' award

Tania Branigan, a student at King's College, Cambridge, has won The Times Royal Mail Young Foreign Correspondent of the Year Competition. She receives £2,000 and two tickets to Thailand.

Wedded to work

Lake Mary, Florida: Seven Postal Service workers here who cannot remove their wedding rings have been told to have them cut off or lose theirjobs under safety rules banning jewellery at work. (APP)

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Sierra Leone rebels in peace talks

SIERRA LEONE'S rebel leader, Corporal Foday Sankoh, emerged after five years in the shadows yesterday to meet government mediators in the Ivory Coast (Sam

Kiley writes). The talks were aimed at hammering out a peace deal before the country's newly-elected civilian Government takes over this week. Corporal Sankoh left his

Ivory Coast's Foreign Minister as a

guarantee of his safety. The first meeting between Corporal Sankoh and Brigadier Julius Maada Bio, the outgoing Sierra Leone head of state, concentrated on what the rebel soldiers in the Revolutionary Democratic Front will do if a peace deal is reached. At least 10,000 people have been killed and 2

Red Cross helicopter, accompanied by the million displaced in Sierra Leone's civil war. Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, a Musim lawyer, is expected to take over as the country's President on Friday.

| Women killed: A number of women

acting as intermediaries between the rebels and authorities were killed and 25 were injured when a rebel soldier opened fire because they had failed to gain.

Battle for tourists leaves ugly scars on Victoria Falls

FROM MICHAEL HARTNACK IN LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA

tourist influx is wrecking the natural beauty of the world's were meeting in the Zambian border town of Livingstone to try to agree a two-nation conservation plan.

Vicious rivalry over tourist dollars last September led to shots being fired from the Zambian bank on a Zimbabwean launch, plying the island-strewn reaches of the Zambezi river above the Victoria Falls. More than half a million visitors each year follow in the footsteps of the Scottish explorer David Livingstone, who saw the falls in 1856 and named them for Britain's reigning monarch.
"Sights so lovely," he wrote, "must have been viewed by angels in their flight."

Nowadays the thunder of the 300ft-high and mile-wide waters could be drowned by the noise of spotter planes. helicopters and boats of sightseers, while Zambia's Eastern Cataract is dry most of the vear because of a hydroelectric plant upstream. As a result, Zambia's section of the falls' rainforest, declared a

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HEEDING warnings that the world heritage site by the United Nations, is dying.

Bungee-jumpers leap from the historic suspension bridge. built at Cecil Rhodes's behest at the turn of the century. The whitewater rafting course in the downstream gorges will be drowned by the Batoka dam by 2006. Its waters may also be contaminated by cholera. The flintlock musket Living-stone carried to fight off Arab slave traders might come in equally handy today to deal with muggers from among the estimated 50,000 unemployed in this economically stagnant town named in his honour.

A detailed environmental impact assessment, prepared for the Governments of Zimbabwe and Zambia by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, urges the adoption of a single strategy and a two-nation trust, which could see a threefold growth in tourism by 2005, say the authors. Last year Zimbabwe earned E72 million from tourism, a vital boost for President Mugabe's economy.

gates of Zambia's growing envy at Zimbabwe's success in attracting tourist development, allegedly at the expense of shared natural resources: "The marked difference between each side is a cause for concern because it may get in the way of rational planning and management."

The assessment warms dele-

The experts also protest against the construction of a bridge over the Zambezi in an unspoilt wilderness area by a influential consortium, including the Zimbabwean Vice-President Joshua Nkomo.

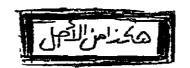
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From Martin Fletcher in Russell, Kansas

BENEATH vast skies on the great plains of the American heartland lies Russell, Kansas, a speck of 4,800 people that is 1,500 miles from either coast, 250 miles from the nearest metropolis and a throwback to an earlier, more innocent, age for which modern America feels so nostalgic.

Here the air is clean, the climate bracing, the townsfolk all know each other, greet strangers warmly and flock to church on Sunday. Wheat, cantle and a little local oil provide work for all who want and while wages are low \$30,000 (£19,000) buys a decent home on a tidy street. Few bother to lock their doors, the only recent offence of note being the draining of the town's water tower by some prankster. It is the sort of thoroughly

wholesome place that every presidential candidate would love to say he came from, and Bob Dole actually does. As he was cementing the Republican nomination in yesterday's California primary, the 72-yearsenator made emotional return to his birthplace to show America "the real Bob Dole" behind that dour image, to counter the charge that he is a creature of Washington, and to make Russell work for him like Hope, Arkansas, did for President Clinton in 1992.

He was the "heartland" candidate, he told a rally in the



high school gym where the whole town gathered to give him a hero's welcome and he twice had to choke back tears. Anyone who wants to understand me must first understand the community of Russell." He said the town had shaped and steeled him. It had taught him discipline, integrity, hard work and self-reliance. He had his limitations as a candidate but "it was here learnt that doing is better than talking ... it was here that I learnt not to wear my heart on my sleeve. It was here

Washington: Edmund Muskie, a lawyer and former senator and Secretary of State, died, aged 81, early yesterday after a heart attack. He had had triple bypass surgery at George town University Medical Centre after the attack last Thursday. Mr Muskie served as Secretary of State under President Carter in

1980 and 1981. (Reuter)

I learnt to feel deeply for my country and my family, and that some things are worth living for and some worth sacrificing for. Braving an icy prairie wind he laid flowers at his parents' grave, then visited the modest Maple Street bungalow where his family weathered the terrible dust storms of the 1930s and lived for two years in the basement during the Depression so the house

unstairs could be let. With his two sisters, who still live in Russell, Mr Dole crossed the lines of the once great Union Pacific railway to the grain siles where his father laboured, then headed up Main Street. He passed the shop where his mother gave sewing lessons to help to make ends meet. He greated Alice Mills, his 96-year-old former mathematics teacher, who complained that he was looking thin. He lingered at the old Dawson's Drugstore where he worked as a schoolboy.

Far more importantly it was to Dawsons that the people of Russell came to contribute \$1,800 (£1,200) for the operations the young Bob Dole needed after returning in a body cast from the Second War. He spent 39 months fighting for his life and overcoming his disabil-At Banker's Clothing Store

Mr Dole met Adolf Reisig, a childhood friend who de-



strengthen his shattered right arm. His last stop was at the courthouse where he began a political career as county attorney that would take him to Washington the year Dwight Eisenhower, America's only Kansan President, retired. On the same courthouse lawn, Mr Dole launched his 1976 vicepresidential campaign, broke down as he recalled how the people of Russell had helped

President Ford who rose to lead the crowd in applause.

It is a compelling life story of a sort now required for presidential candidates but has the added virtue of veracity. Contrast it with the magically named Hope as the place that shaped President Clinton but who, in fact, spent his formative years in the far less savoury Arkansas gambling resort of Hot Springs.
It is also a story the naturally reticent Mr Dole has only begun to exploit in this, his third and final presidential bid. Given America's present angry mood, even this consummate Washington insider of 36 years has realised the necessity of highlighting his

Russell hardly objects to becoming a campaign prop for its most famous son. The exploitation is mutual. A large billboard directs travellers on

Kansas roots.

the nearby highway to "Bob

Dole" country. The town's shops are selling Bob Dole Tshirts, mugs and baseball caps, its Mayor, Neal Farmer, is already dreaming of a presidential library. "It's hard to tell which was the biggest gusher," said Jim Joule, editor of the Russell Daily News. The discovery of oil in 1923 or Dole becoming a politician. Both things have been very

Unions pledge **\$35m for** Clinton war-chest

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

SWALLOWING their past misgivings, America's biggest federation of trade unions has endorsed President Clinton for re-election and promised to help him with a huge campaign war-chest.

All but two of 78 unions. representing 13 million workers, gave their backing to Mr Clinton during a Washington conference of the American Federation of Labour and Congress of Industrial Organisations. The two exceptions, the Teamsters and San Francisco's Longshoremen, said they wanted more time to consider their decision.

The endorsement was greeted as a declaration of war by Republicans, They were upset that the unions will raise a fund of \$35 million (£23 million) by imposing a 15 cent monthly levy on members.

In this way, the Republicans claimed, the 40 per cent of union members who voted Republican in the last presidential election will be forced to contribute to Democratic coffers against their wishes. The Republicans filed complaints with the Federal Election Commission, accusing the union federation of breaking election laws that restrict the unions' use of workers

The funds will go for radio and television commercials and a mobilisation drive targeted at 75 constituencies where Republican incumbents are considered vulnerable.

The federation endorsed Mr Clinton despite its fury three years ago over his enact-ment of the North American Free Trade Agreement, which the unions say has caused the loss of thousands of American jobs to Mexico. The unions recognise, though, that they have nowhere else to go in an election that pits Mr Clinton against Bob Dole.

Their aim is to retain the White House in Democratic hands and to win back Congress for the Democrats before the Republicans become too

America's trade unions are promising a new solidarity and militancy, after years of decline, under the federation's abrasive new leader. John Sweeney. He delighted dele-gates by describing Newt Gingrich, House Speaker, and the Republican majority, as "Newty and the Blowfish".

Ankara: Hillary Clinton laid a wreath here at the tomb of Kemal Ataturk, the father of the Turkish republic, on the third day of a goodwill tour in Europe. She will make a speech in Istanbul tomorrow on women's and children's rights. (Reuter)

British tourists tell of balloon crash in Rocky Mountains

BRITISH tourists in the Rocky Mountains yesterday described how they were nearly killed on a hot air balloon sightseeing trip when the craft struck a moutain ridge and caught fire. One man spoke of panic as the flames licked up around us" and counted himself fortunate to be alive.

ain were in the basket of the balloon when it was caught by a cross wind and blown onto the ridge. One woman was seriously hurt. The gust caught the balloon as it was preparing to land on an 8,000ft-high plateau surrounded by peaks.

The impact caused the basket to topple over and the gasfuelled heating equipment burst into flames. The basket, too, caught fire as it was being dragged along the snowy ridge out of control. Some of the passengers fell from the

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basket, others had to scramble for safety, before the flaming remains of the balloon flew high in to air. It was later retrieved 12 miles from the site of the crash.

The accident happened in good weather conditions near Colorado Springs, two hours' drive from the ski resort of minute pleasure flight began and where many of the passengers were on holiday. John One of

McCulloch, of Edinburgh, said: "Suddenly the balloon lost height and, despite the efforts of the pilot, we bumped into the hillside.

The heater was knocked over and the basket caught fire. People, including myself, tumbled out as we were dragged along the top of a ridge for about 50 vards. As you can imagine, there was a bit of a panic as the flames



licked up around us. Fortunately the basket was on the ground. We didn't gain height

The basket was up-ended when it hit a rock or tree stump. "We were being bowled along but were unable to put the brakes on, as it were," Mr McCulloch said. He added: "By the time I got on my feet everybody had been thrown out. It was all over in a minute or two. A few people had their hair singed and a couple looked to have broken bones.'

Margaret Lowday, 43, from London, was taken by helicopter to a hospital in Denver, the nearest big city, and was yesterday said to be in a serious condition. Three other people taken to a local hospital, Joanne Orton, 30, of Aylestone, Leicestershire, Brian Kinghorn, 42, of Greystoke, Cumbria, and · Mr McCulloch, were held overnight and were yesterday resting in their hotel rooms. Mr Kinghorn said: "All I

can remember is the burners coming down in a flash of The balloon really caught the ground and turned completely upside down." Mr McCulloch said that the pilot, Rick Lang, cut him free from a tangle of balloon equipment as the craft careered towards the edge of the ridge. "I thought I had jumped out

but could not understand why the balloon was trailing me along," said Mr McCulloch. It kept lifting me and setting me back down. I couldn't get it off me." Mr Lang, whose company is called Mile High Adventures, was not seriously hurt in the crash. He could not be contacted yesterday.

Mr McCulloch, who said that he would be unlikely to take another balloon ride, discounted any suggestions that the basket was carrying too many people. "It was a large basket and

there was plenty of room. The

balloon could easily lift our weight. It was just had luck that we got into a cross wind. Balloon trips are a popular form of activity in and around the ski resorts of Colorado and Utah. Federal Aviation Adinvestigate the crash.

Grand Canyon flooded to repair human damage

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A DAWN roar yesterday heralded the opening of four valves to send billions of gallons of water gushing down the Grand Canyon in the hope of repairing some of the damage done to it by

Bruce Babbitt, America's Interior Secretary, spoke of "a new beginning" as he pushed a hutton, cranked a lever and turned a wheel to open the first valve in the Glen Canyon Dam, which holds back the

Several dozen scientists monitored the experiment to reshape the 33-year-old dam's operations. Onlookers watched from 710ft above as the first 8ft-wide valve released a jet of green water that gushed out several hundred feet. By mid-morning the three other outlets had been opened.

Enough water to supply the whole of Los Angeles for seven months will flow down the eanyon during the weeklong operation.
The 120 billion gallons

which will gush from the dam at the head of the canyon are designed to imitate natural seasonal flooding that used to replenish the canyon's heaches and restore its wildlife habitats. Water still churns through

the spectacular gash in the earth's crust, but whereas for millennia it was warm and

will deposit 12 million tonnes reddish hown - hence the

Spanish name Colorado - it is now cold and clear. The silt that used to give the river its colour now builds up behind the dam at the bottom of Lake Powell, while the lake's deep, still water cools steadily before being released

> The "new" Colorado has been steadily eroding the narrow beaches at the bottom of the canyon instead of renewing them. Meanwhile, eddies and

backwaters that used to support fish and waterfowl have been filled with debris since seasonal flooding stopped with the building of the dam Scientists working for the

through hydro-electric tur-

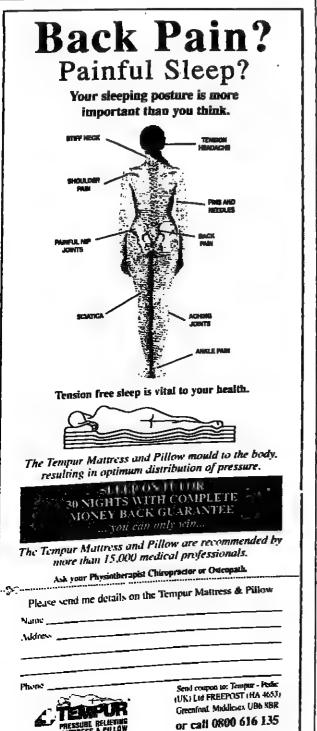
government agencies that run e Grand Canyon National Park and monitor its ecosystems hope the seven-day flood

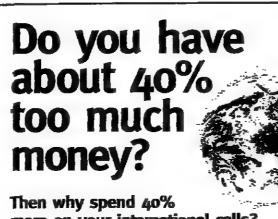
of sand on the canyon's beaches. Flowing at an extra 45,000cu ft per second, however, the water could simply strip away what sand

More than 100 observers "in boats and helicopters and hanging off the canyon walls" ment does more good than harm, an official said.

Campers and walkers should be in no danger because the water level will rise gradually, by no more than 10ft in all.

But electricity companies which buy power from the dam for six western states have accepted the attempt at reconciliation with nature reluctantly, at best. They regard it as a waste of water that could cost them \$100 million (£65 million) over the next ten





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Montana Freemen are seized

By QUENTIN LETTS

FEDERAL agents moved in on a white militia group in Montana, arresting two of its leaders and surrounding its remote ranch with vehicles. The action against the

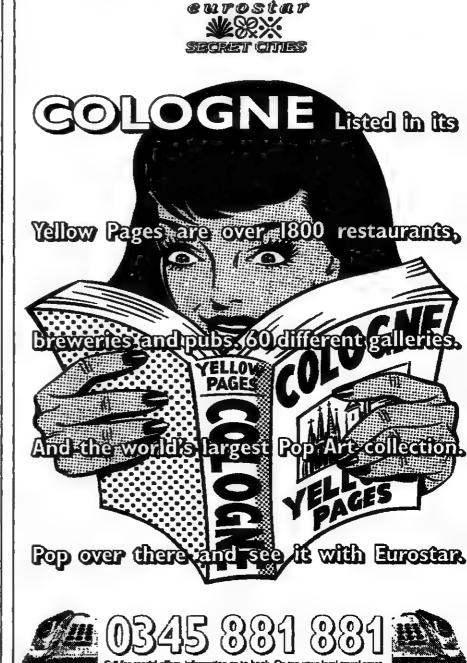
'Freemen of Montana" comes after a year-long softly softly surveillance of the group by law enforcers who are anxious to avoid a repetition of the violent end to the siege in Waco, Texas. The two ringleaders, LeRoy

Schweitzer and Daniel Peterson, were seized near the farflung farmhouse where the heavily-armed group has squatted for several months.

ducted to bring in the rest of the militia without violence. Before this week's arrests there was a discreet but impressive build-up of government vehicles in the area. The militia group, which includes nine fugitives, refuses

to acknowledge the legitimacy of federal government and set

up its own courts and laws in self-styled "Justus Township". The two ringleaders are charged with advocating violence for political ends, and are being investigated for links to white supremacist groups.



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'Political'

stokes

unrest in

Bahrain

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

FRESH unrest among Bahrain's Shia Muslim majority

hit the crisis-ridden Gulf state yesterday as the first execution

in two decades signalled a

harsher crackdown on pro-

democracy protests. The trou-

bles erupted in December

1994, and are threatening sta-

The unrest started after pro-

Government newspapers re-

ported the execution by firing

squad of Isa Qambar, 29. He

was one of several Shias

convicted of the murder last

year of a police sergeant in one

of the many impoverished

Shia villages which ring the modern capital. Manama.

Members of Bahrain's vari-

ous opposition groups desc-

ribed the execution as a

political killing. They said it

would spark more violence in

a conflict that has already

claimed 24 lives and prompted

many Bahrain-based foreign

companies to consider moving

to the relative safety of Dubai.

reforms will be strengthened."

said a statement from the

London-based Bahrain Free-

dom Movement. "The murder

of Isa Qambar is bound to fuel

more unrest, despite all the

measures of collective punish-

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Obstacles to Bosnia peace put election plan in peril

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

THE flight of Serbs from Sarajevo suburbs, the failure so far to release all prisoners of war, and deadlock over the extradition of suspected war criminals have led Western diplomats to give a warning that, unless the ceasefire in Bosnia-Herzegovina is stabilised, the elections planned for this autumn may be postponed or scrapped.

After the Moscow meeting of the Contact Group last weekend, Carl Bildt, the EU representative in Bosnia, has said that all reconstruction aid would stop if remaining prisoners were not released very soon. His warning came as the timetable for a return to democratic politics looks increasingly unrealistic, and talks on the registration and rights of voters are in danger of breaking down.

Diplomats at the Moscow meeting emphasised their determination to hold elections for local and national assemblies and leaders in both halves of Bosnia before the September deadline set by the Dayton accords. However, so complex are the details, and so opposed are the Bosnian and Serb leaders to fulfilling conditions that would allow a free vote, that even officials from the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), charged with running the elections, are beginning to doubt whether they can be held.

The main difficulties are: the complexity of the elections, which cover municipal, cantonal and national bodies: the question whether refugees should vote in their home towns or places to which they have fled; the need to guarantee freedom of movement for electoral candidates; and access by different opposition groups to state-controlled media. The OSCE is reluctant



Bildt gave warning of

to run the polls, but if the 30 election commissions in Bosnia cannot agree on procedure, it may be forced to take over. Whitehall officials said yesterday the obstacles were enormous, but the Western powers were determined that the voting should go ahead, as the entire political settlement depended on them.

The other main problem is the proliferation of parties. with more than 50 in the Bosnian Federation and some 26 in Serbian Bosnia. Most are merely the vehicles for ambitious local personalities, but the OSCE insists on a threshold of 10,000 signatures before any candidate can stand at federation level. It is not easy to get access to television or newspapers for the opposition groups, espe-cially on the Serb side.

Suspected war criminals are forbidden to stand under the Dayton accords, but deadlock over their prosecution may make this hard to enforce. So far few countries have contributed to the estimated cost of £326 million for running the

Ken Scott, the British depuhead of the OSCE mission. admits the obstacles are enormous and that there has been little co-operation from the parties. Given the difficulty of crossing ceasefire lines, a national election is probably impossible and candidates will have to stand in either the Serb or the Muslim-Croat

If the OSCE decides the conditions for free elections do not exist, they will be postponed. If that happens, the Nato-led Implementation Force will be under strong pressure to stay, as there will be no other mechanism to enforce the Dayton accords. The Americans, however, have already indicated they will not remain beyond the one-year mandate.

☐ The Hague: A doctor who kept Vukovar hospital running during a 1991 siege told UN war crimes hearings yesterday that senior Serb officers ignored her pleas to stop the bombardment. Dr Vesna Bosanac was giving evidence against Mile Mrksic, Miroslav Radic and Veselin Sliivancanin, accused of killing 261 Croat men dragged from her hospital after Serb

November 1991. "Whenever I speak about Vukovar... I never feel upset enough," Dr Bosanac said. Belgrade has refused to hand over the Serb officers. (Reuter)



Comet Hyakutake photographed with a 200mm lens in a 15-minute guided exposure from an observatory in Missouri

Discoverer stays inside as comet sails by



People queue in Moscow to watch the comet. The telescope's owner charged them 2,000 roubles each

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

WHILE Muscovites queued to pay 2,000 roubles for a minute watching Comet Hyakutake on its closest approach to Earth on Monday night, its discoverer stayed indoors.

The media are camped out in the mountains where I watch the stars, so I will just stay in tonight." said Yuji Hyakutake, the Japanese amateur astronomer who discovered the cornet with binoculars at the end of January.

He found the comet from the mountains near his home in Kogashima Prefecture, on the southernmost main island of Japan. "The sky was cloudy that night, so I was looking into the only clear spot to see

"That is how I found the distance."

British observers so far have been frustrated by cloudy skies, but hope to see the comet before it disappears back into the outer reaches of the solar system, not to return for 17,000 years.

Those who were able to see it on Sunday and Monday say that it was as bright as Sirius. the brightest star in the northern sky. Its tail of glowing gases is an estimated 62000 miles long.

There is something about the appearance of a comet." sald Brian Marsden, associate director for planetary sciences at the Smithsonian-Harvard Centre for Astrophysics. "I suppose it is the fact that you can have this thing just for a little while and know it has come from a great

Hyakutake is the brightest comet since Comet West in 1976. It is visible throughout the Northern Hemisphere. It is expected to fade slightly this week but may well flare brightly again later next month as it makes its closest approach to the Sun.

"Things like this spur people to look up beyond the surface of our tiny little planet here, where we live our tiny little lives running around in tiny little circles," said Alan

tion, security forces used tear-MacRobert, an associate edigas in villages and towns to disperse protesting Shia youths. All public telephone tor at Sky and Telescope magazine in Cambridge, Masboxes have been cut off to sachusetts, "and see something of the bigger, wider prevent details of the unrest from being communicated

universe that is out there for us waiting to see if we only There have been helicop-

ters flying over the villages south and east of Manama all day, indicating that there is serious unrest," said a British expatriate on the island, which has a population of 500,000.

Diplomats predicted more executions as part of the repression by the Emir, Sheikh Isa bin Sulman al-

The execution came days after the authorities announced tough new measures to quell the disturbances, which have made large parts of the island no-go areas for foreigners. The state is linked by a causeway to Saudi Arabia and is host to the American Fifth Fleet.

The demonstrators are demanding the return of the 1975 parliament which was dis-

solved by the al-Khalifas. The 8,000 Britons and Americans who live in Bahrain have been given warnings by their embassies not to visit cafés, restaurants and other places likely to be

Spain's leading terror suspect | Poll forces Yeltsin to arrested on shopping trip

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID He is accused of killing two

SPAIN'S most wanted man, Valentin Lasarte, 32, was being interrogated vesterday after being detained by police in the Basque region of northern Spain.

Señor Lasarte, whose picture features on 20,000 wanted posters around the country, was arrested after a tip-off from a member of the public who recognised him as he shopped at a hypermarket in the town of Oiartzun. forces overran the town in Police chased Señor Lasarte

and a female companion to the town square and fired warning shots. Señor Lasarte, unarmed, threw himself to the ground and shouted his name before he was handcuffed.

senior Basque politicians. Gregorio Ordonez, the conservarive Popular Party candi-date for Mayor of San Sebastian, was shot dead in January 1995 during the runup to local elections. Fernando Múgica, a lawyer and main Socialist candidate in San Sebastian for the general election held three weeks ago,

Múgica's son, who witnessed the murder, recognised Señor Lasarte immediately. Señor Lasarte told him: "Next time it will be you."

was shot dead last month.

The leading member of Eta. the Basque separatist organisation, will be interrogated until Saturday under special legislation approved by a top Madrid judge. He may be charged with several other killings. Police hope that Señor

Lasarte, and Idoia Arrieta, the woman detained with him and a previously unidentified member of Eta. will lead them to other members of his group. Dozens of Basque police patrols fanned out from San Sebastian in the hope of breaking up the Commando Unit".

Eta, whose acronym stands for Basque Homeland and Freedom, has killed more than 760 people since it began fits campaign in 1968.

halt Chechen battle

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW contents of Mr Yeltsin's long-

A LONG and bloody offensive by Russian forces against Chechen rebels will draw to an end in the coming days, when President Yeltsin announces a new peace plan to hait the 15month conflict in the breakaway republic.

According to General Pavel Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, the military will halt its operations, characterised in recent weeks by brutal air and artiliery attacks "Military actions alone can-

not step up the process of resolving the situation in Chechenia," he said in Grozny, the capital of Chechenia. His remarks yesterday were the clearest sign yet about the

awaited peace plan, which the Russian leader will reveal in a 'live" address this weekend. A senior military source was quoted as saying that after the

speech the army would begin oulling out of Chechenia. The change in approach is linked to Russia's presidential poll on July 16. Mr Yeltsin has admitted that without peace in Chechenia his re-election

ropes are doomed. Oslo: Mr Yeltsin ended his first official visit to Norway yesterday. Both countries agreed to combat nuclear waste pollution, but failed to resolve differences over Nato's expansion to the East. (Reuter)

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Nicotine spray is approved in US for heavy smokers

FROM IAN BRODLE IN WASHINGTON

was approved yesterday for heavy cigarette smokers in America who are trying to give up. It will go on sale later this year under the name Nicotrol NS and will require a doctor's prescription.

Smokers will be instructed to inhale one or two squirts in each nostril every hour, with never more than five doses an hour. Each dose will contain one milligram of nicotine, about one cigarette's worth. The pump bottle will contain 100 milligrams of nicotine solution and users will be warned that 40 milligrams taken at once can be lethal.

In giving approval, the US Food and Drug Administration indicated concern that some smokers might become as addicted to snorting the spray as they were to cigarettes. One desperate woman in a clinical trial watered down her supply of spray to make it last longer before she eventually gave up and returned to eigarettes.

The FDA has asked the spray's developer, Pharmacia Upjohn, to establish a plan with doctors to monitor any adverse effects. They must also endeavour to keep

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the spray out of the hands of A NICOTINE nasal spray teenagers under 18, who are not supposed to use it. in tests, the spray's success

rate was no better than for nicotine gum or the patch. Studies of 730 smokers found that a quarter of those who received it gave up cigarettes for at least a year while only 13 per cent of those on a placebo managed to stop smoking.

Smokers' brains will absorb less nicotine from the spray than from cigarettes, accord-ing to Richard Hurt, director of the nicotine dependency centre at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. He explained that

nicotine inhaled through ciga-rettes goes straight to the heart and is pumped to the brain in five heartbeats while Nicotrol circulates through the blood before reaching the heart and the brain.

The spray is being launched at a time when the US tobacco industry is under intense scrutiny by the Government amid allegations that tohacco executives lied to Congress in denying that nicotine was addictive.

President Clinton joined the fray this week, describing cigarettes as the number one health threat to young people.

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The science of success

Vers que l'ification Brussel (in expon erhaps it is the advenof league tables or the increasing number of practice papers on sale in the shops, but parents and children seem to be more anxious about this year's tests for 11-year-olds. Children are olien aware of the concern of their parents and that their teachers are hoping that they will do themselves, and the school, credit. Against this background of mild anxiety, they are confronted by additional problems in the science

Since the advent of the national curriculum, science has had a much higher profile in primary schools, and concepts I was taught for O level I now teach to 10 and 11-yearolds. However, gone is the theoretical way of working: children are now encouraged to develop a scientific way of thinking.

They learn how to devise a fair test, interpret results analyrically and draw logical conclusions from their results all very different from the factual recall required by the test. In addition, the curriculum is often delivered spirally over a four-year cycle, so that each aspect is covered twice at different levels. This means that children may meet certain topics when they are seven, again at nine, but do not get tested on them until nearly 18 months later.

So, how can parents help? Firstly, they can stop getting worried. Every child will also be given a level of achievement by their teacher based on work done over the previous year. This has equal status with the test result and is presented

Schools will be acclimatising children to the test formats and many do "practice runs", using previous the children's exam techniques and also help to remind them

Head teacher Bridget Methuen gives the lowdown on the topics Il-year-olds should be familiar with for this year's science tests



Children at Snape Primary School practise the appliance of science as they prepare for the forthcoming tests

of work done in the previous years. General revision at home is a great help, but parents should be wary of inducing extra stress. Remember these are not GCSEs.

All three strands of science tested will feature in both of the papers. The following is a brief outline of what is

LIFE AND LIVING **PROCESSES: BIOLOGY** Children are asked to know:

1. The characteristics of living things and should be able to categorise them using simple

2. The major organ systems of the human body, their pos-ition and function. This may be linked to the effects of exercise, etc., to show an understanding of the processes

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3. The major parts of flowering plants and their role in seed

I. The conditions needed for seed germination taking into account moisture, nutrition, light and competition. 5. Food chains and how each

part of the chain relies on the previous link. That all food chains need a producer (the green plants). They should be able to write a food chain using arrows, and know terms such as herbivore and camivore, as well as being aware of the role of fungi and bacteria in decomposition. Wider environmental issues are encom-

filtration, evaporation and condensation, and their practipassed here. cal application. 6. That healthy living, exer-5. Know the differences becise, hygiene, clean water and tween solids, liquids and gasgood diet are desirable. ses, and how they relate to

4. Know different methods of

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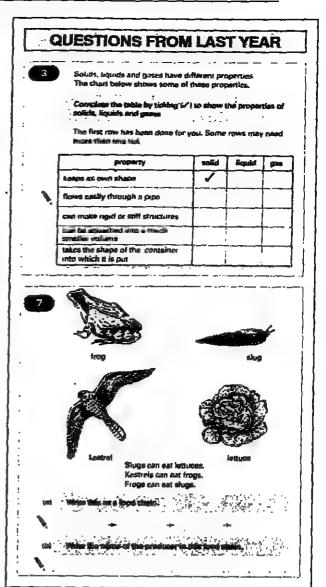
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6. Know about sound, how it is made, and that it travels more

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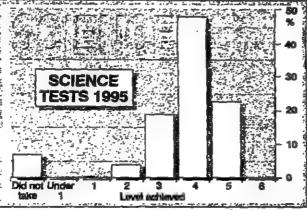
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Tougher tests lie in store



CHTLDREN are expected to show a good grasp of scientific vocabulary in their science tests at 11 but will be allowed some leeway with the spelling of difficult words.

Markers did not discount incorrect spellings of technical words last year unless they were unrecognisable. For ex-"constration" marked wrong but "condensachon" correct. Those who chose to describe

the effect of the Sun on the Earth as it rotated, rather than illustrate it, tended to receive higher marks last year.

Generally, questions will be more demanding because assessors considered the range too narrow at Level 5 last summer. The Levels 3 to 5 science tests for 11-year-olds will contain 15 per cent more

questions but children will have 35 minutes for each

Forces caused some problems last year and assessors pointed out that children should know that forces act in specific directions and should be indicated with straight lines, using arrows to show their direction. This year's tests will require extra knowledge of the effect of forces, for example, how the speed of an object may be changed.

Many children did not know the difference between explaining and describing. Responding to pictures of sugar in liquid. "the sugar has dissolved" was a correct answer but "the sugar seems to have disappeared" was wrong.

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Easy pieces for fast women



Donna Karan and her customers are celebrating ten years of understated dressing for women on the move

hen designer Donna Karan unveils her latest designs in New York this week she will have extra cause to celebrate. Her company is now ten years old. Karan founded her business on little more than a foundation garment itself, taking her

inspiration for her stretch jersey body from Martha Graham's dance leotard.

Like the eleverest of concepts, it was an achingly simple idea: sometimes wrapped with an additional length of fabric which doubled as a

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pareo skirt, or with a crisp white shirt attached.

"At the time I didn't think of as revolutionary," says Karan. Fashion myth would have it that Karan's career when the designer asked herself "What do I really need in my wardrobe?" in response she created her own line of clothing, a wardrobe full of understated easy pieces which fitted together. Uncomplicated, modern and luxurious, belitting a fast-moving female on Seventh Avenue, it soon clicked with highpowered women executives

tele was formed. Karan's label and her customers have grown up together because, the designer says, she understands their needs. They are the same as her own. As she gets older she believes this to be even more important. "Probably more so, because

there are more things to think about," says Karan, who describes herself as a problem solver. "Your body shifts." Karan is all too aware that

women are inundated with too many clothes. She calls it "product pollution".

"Fashion is going too fast," she says. "Everyone wants new, new, new, and the customer becomes very con-fused." This prompted Karan

Fashion journalist of the year

to introduce the Essentials collection, so that a woman can always go into a store and buy that black suit or white shirt. "Great items to add to what you already own," she says. "You don't have to start over each season.

Every season she reappraises the collection. It is not the same collection you saw three years ago — a lapel on a jacket may be wider, a trouser narrower, a hemline shorter. There are always new things added to the line. "The things women like and want more of." This season they include a leather jacket cut like a motorcycle jacket but in the softest of skins, a little sweater ("a sleek finish under a jacket or to top a grand ballgown skirt"), a tux-edo jacket which works worn over a black dress or as part of a suit, a knit rib dress (the newest foundation"), and the ubiquitous white shirt.

As fashion in the 1990s gives women more choice, what does Donna Karan offer?

"I like to have a system of dressing to make life easy. Fabrics which can go from day to evening. Clothes which are packable, a pair of shoes to go with anything. It's no longer about long or short. Clothes







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ABOVE: Kristen McMenamy, mode wears black silk and tuile evening gown with vest top ABOVE LEFT: Benedetta Barzini, ournalist, wears beaded evening slip dress with low scoop neckline

LEFT: Anh Duong, artist, wears tailored single-breasted trouser suit with narrow-leg pants MIGHT: Kristen McM

satin capri pants and camel double-breasted cashmere overcost

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very day of the working week. I sit in my consulting room listening to people in distress. At the centre of their concerns is a wish to be living their lives unencumbered by chronic anxieties, insecurities, despair, rages or depressions, Although some media coverage of psychotherapy might suggest otherwise, therapy is not a soft option, a kind of massage of the soul, a self-indulgent 50 minutes, or a faddish part of the lives of the well-hecled and well-educated, Rather, it is sought when other means for change have been exhausted: when friends, families, lovers and teachers have been unable to provide the means to address the pain that so troubles

the person.
Of late, we are used to family relationships being used for political gain by politicians who, derstanding either wilfully. mendaciously or ignorantly the complex texture of emotional life. make a rhetorical call for a return to family values — to a presumed two-parent idyll that never was from within which most of my patients were raised. The family is presented as a harmonious, supportive unit in which conflict is managed, responsibility taken on readily, and in which parents

All the economic pressures, the shifts in gender relations and the worries about work are miraculously meant to be absorbed and processed in the family. The

Why therapy is not a soft option

family is both bulwark against society and a treatment plant for society's sewage. The tensions between parents and children; between the sexes: the demands on women to care for the elderly and the young: the restructuring of work; the very things that make individuals and groups of individ-uals unstable, instead of being engaged within the political dehate, are given a sleight of hand or worse, even a dose of ideology to cover them up.

"Not us," say the politicians. It's the lack of family values that's to blame

part of this nostalgic call by politicians to the family speaks to us and acts as a temporary balm, because the search for certainty, for stability, for security, is something we can all relate to. We crave these in the face of political, economic and social uncertainty and we crave these in the face of lives lived with insufficient emotional sustenance. But what sense can we make of our desires today? The image of

the family unit is the gossamer

over which we stretch our needs

for attachment, for intimacy and autonomy. Where our politicians

and policymakers are inclined to

look at the forms of attachment,

are patently destructive.

Part of what psychoanalysis allows us to see is that when the early environment can provide relationships in which the baby can have its initiatives responded to with care, when the needs of the child can be held in mind, the child grows up with the emotional base to be a partner in creating and maintaining attachments which are secure and stable. It can manage inside itself the consequences of disappointment, of

content of attachments. Where we

fantasise stable relationships.

hearts-and-flowers romances, we would do well to look rather at

what intimate human engage

makes relationships work.

ment requires and supplies; what

Most importantly, we need to recognise that one of our human

dilemmas is that relationships can

be especially adhesive when they

things going wrong.
Where early life fails, the individual grows up experiencing a lack of self-regard along a continuum from insecurity to self-hate. The hurtful relationship cannot be given up but is like a manade binding the person to the emotional pith of that relationship. To put it starkly: if good relationships in



by Susie Orbach

their repetition, so does the influence of unsatisfactory relationships. We are disposed to repeat what is, even if that has been felt to be insufficient, for that is how inside ourselves we experience relationship. We know no other.

The extent to which one has been let down by a parental relationship is the extent to which, in the unconscious, that parent is still much wanted. Meanwhile, in the outside world, the experience of unsatisfactory relating will tilt the person unwittingly to seek, attract and confirm that experi-

they try to challenge it. The channels for receiving a more whole some relationship are closed. Bad relationships can't easily be given up. They are hard to digest as done with. They linger and fester, unleashing emotional havoc on others, binding up psychic energy so that engagement in the world is often reactive rather than creative.

In trying to build enabling relationships in a Risk Society so that we contribute and shape that society rather than feel ourselves to be constantly reactive, blown off course and rushing to catch up with it, we require a base of emotional security. Emotional security is the basis of autonomy. Particularly in times of rapid unmapped change, the capacity to embrace what is, to think and to act out of that thoughtfulness, depends upon the internalisation of enabling attachments.

One thing that skews our relalionships is our gender arrangements. For years the myth was that women were dependent and men independent. But what underpins men and supports their apparent autonomy? What makes possible for men to feel able to take on challenges in the world, in so far as they have; to take a personal authority, to feel unbur-

ence in new relationships, even as dened by deep insecurities? What emotional services have men historically received that have sustained their sense of indepen-

> What twist has allowed women to be seen as emotionally dependent when it is obvious that their role has been to provide a relation ship on which others may depend without anticipating such a relationship for themselves?

am not arguing that men are dependent and women not. I am suggesting that in any consideration of how we build quality relationships, and the means to adapt to the challenges of the Risk Society, the question of the disposition of emotional dependency needs and emotional capacities between women and en needs to be confronted and the issues of autonomy and dependency, and their relationship to one another understood and refashioned so emotional resilience is more widely available.

We need not remain mystified about what makes enabling relationships. Relationships that enable are those which allow a full experience of the other, which allow for a range of emotional responses to be registered rather than interfered with. They don't

consist of carving up emotions and letting men carry one set and women another. Adults who can ask of one another how they are and stick around for a genuine reply without trying to fix, transform, deny or ridicule the responses they get, are providing enabling

relationships.

Such relating depends on a capacity to resonate with another emotionally without being swamped, to empathise without feeling impelled to make better, so that there is space for those responses so often disregarded because they fail the test of drama. Enabling relationships depend upon an equal emotional exchange and a certain emotional fluency. Enabling relationships make it possible for us to hold contradictory feelings simultaneously, rather than retreat into emotional fundamentalism where all is good or bad or love and hate and where scapegoating projecting - dominates our relation to self and others.

The capacity to manage com-plex emotional lives is a political issue. It makes for a robust population which can think about the wider political issues rather than being emotionally manipulated by them - one which can refuse the false conflation of the private and the public and which can open up new issues in the

 Ahridged from a talk given vesterday to the Institute of Public Policy Research conference on Risk Society

Everybody loves a loser

It must be excruciating to watch the Oscars from a chair in the audience, but from the comfort of our own sofas at home it makes perfect television

us watch the Ossure anyone really minds who wins what, or even, despite the pretence of press interest in the subject. who wears what. But it seems the Academy Awards ceremony holds some sway over here.

There might not be enough enthusiasm to keep people up all night watching the full, live, unexpurgated version as it is beamed from a narcissistically quivering LA but — and this seems to be odder, insomniac fanaticism being somewhat easito understand than Hearty concern - a number of people I spoke to yesterday morning told me, unashamedly, that they wouldn't be listening to or just so they wouldn't find out who got what before the BBC showed the highlights last night. One begins to fear for one's friends.

Nevertheless, I did watch it the whole damn shoot And although I might reassure myself that it was all in the line of duty, I began to see the appeal. For the British audience, the lure is twofold. In the first instance we see our worst impressions of Americans in general, and actors in particular, confirmed; and in the second — and this is the truly more pleasurable aspect — we get to see people lose, publicly

and big time. Those motivations apart, at least for the moment, the Awards ceremony is ideally

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suited to television. It's pretty and bright and vacuous and ephemeral. In fact, the whole production seems to sit more happily on the screen in the corner of the room than it does in the cavernous theatrical spaces of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. There, the actors. seem to get lost: they belong to

from a chair in the auditorium must be excruciating. From the sofa at home we can at least wallow in the agreeable awfulness. That, of course, is what the Oscars are all about. We expect everyone to be at their schmaltzy worst. Strangely enough the British, celluloid, not to the stage. And so prone to embarrassment, seem to like being embarrassed. We watch those acceptance speeches cringingly, peeping over cushions held up for notional protection, and yet we

being embarrassed.

round of applause.

paean of praise for her father,

Paul, who was then shown

eeping openly and bloatedly

in his seat. Best actress (and

how) Susan Sarandon, who is

always written about as an

admirable type of anti-luvvie,

was full of dazed oh-my-oh-

mys, not being able to get over

her surprise at even being

included among such fine

actors" (Nicolas Cage later

expressed the same modest

sentiment), and ended her

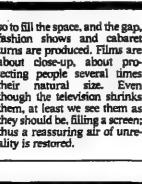
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homes and in our hearts find a

lence and heal."

Nigella Lawson

so to fill the space, and the gap, fashion shows and cabaret turns are produced. Films are about close-up, about projecting people several times their natural size. Even







Best actress Susan Sarandon hoped we would all "in our hearts find a way to non-violently end violence and heal"

bers who have left us since Academy Awards night last year", and some defunct members get more applause than others. One can't help feeling however, that Louis Malle's high rating (justly earned, that I don't dispute) isn't more of an indication that the Hollywood audience wanted to show they knew how to appreciate an arthouse movie director.

At other times, the audience

- that's to say, the actors way to non-violently end viobehaved quite breathtakingly. But it's not surprising that spite Goldberg's cynicism, Hollywood, a reactionary Hollywood is sentimental, it's built on sentiment. Death town, has always been strangely insistent on showing must therefore be emotionally a degree of liberal compas

We expect everyone to be at their schmaltzy worst and watch the speeches from behind cushions

on, or PC, but in the best possible sense. Thus Christopher Reeve, the recently para-

Poitier given a standing ova-tion for being "the first black Award winner (though in the light of Jesse Jackson's input this year, perhaps a heightened sensitivity is to be expected). But it seems to me grossly patronising -and, for what it's worth distinctly unPC - to clap someone for being paralysed

It would be wrong to say that we enjoy the discomfiture of the actors, since none of them showed any sign of knowing that it might have been seemly to be discomfited. But at least we know that by the end of the evening there

Where's the beef? You decide

THERE'S SOMETHING I don't understand: why does this Government, which has always been keen to show itself the party that believes in choice, so evidently believe we have no real right to choose to stop eating British

However infinitesimal the risks (and I'm sure the only reason we feel them to be greater than they probably are is because we've been led to believe they were less than they are), nothing alters the fact that we are perfectly free to eat what we want, or not eat what we don't want. We don't need to justify

ourselves. People do justify themselves, though, and it's because they are afraid of being thought wimps. Thus people are actually boasting, for example, of having had steak for lunch. I don't quite get it myself, but then I have never understood why people seem to think the stronger the curry they can put away the better light it puts them

The idea that eating beef is macho is hardly new, of course, but this boasting is more than that It's as if showing a glorious unconcern for what is troubling others — the little people — shows The risk is small, so it is petty of us, it is implied, even to heed it. I see the point of running risks if we having something to gain thereby, but this is rather a different matter.

Anyway, if one is worried about eating beef, why do so? If to eat it gives us more anxiety than pleasure, then not to is hardly a deprivation. Our duty is not foremost to the farmers of Great Britain, as the Government might have been wise to recognise. My position here is that I'll eat organic beef, or as good as, if it comes from my butcher. Mr Lidgate. In other words, I trust him and he trusts his farmers, which is how it should be.

But why anyone should feel under pressure to pretend an unfelt insouciance is beyond me: it's not, after all, as if we trusted the Government.

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Our children may outsmart us — but there is a flaw

ocked as those of all true Times people currently are, your ear may be amazed to hear that it is mine which has just heard the sound of the cuckoo. It should not be amazed: there is nothing odd about my hearing the sound so early. for this was no ordinary cuckoo. It was a Midwich Cuckoo, and I hear it all the time. I hear it whenever there is any technological advance.

You will recall that John Wyndham, having nearly frightened the life out of us with the idea of plants who were smarter than we were, went on completely to frighten the life out of us with the idea of children who were smarter than we were. For, like the triffids before them, the toddlers of Midwich village had been transmuted into smart-arse monsters against whom grown-ups did not stand

Could Wyndham have found a more potent dread to tap? Was there ever a parent who, even as it preened over the latest manifestation of offspring cleverness, didn't ex-perience an uneasy twinge that here was something which any moment now could be too hot to handle? And was that ever truer than it is today, when a generation of children ready for the next generation of computers leaves wallowing in its wake a genera-

tion of adults not yet ready for the last one? That is why I have just heard the cry of the Midwich Cuckoo at its shrillest. I heard it the moment after our radiant Heritage Secretary announced that she was considering the V-chip, which would empower parents to delete from the TV set anything they didn't want their kids to watch; and where I heard it was in the instant response of parents terror-stricken that their kids would be able to handle the V-chip far more cleverly than they ever could. Not only would they be able to fiddle with it to release all the sex and violence they wanted, they would be able to fiddle with it to exact a terrible revenge: adult screens would go blank in the middle of Brookside. Pride and Prejudice would suddenly turn into Beavis and Butthead, Jeremy Paxman would swivel in his seat to find himself facing a satellited Milanese housewife pulling her suspender-belt off. Stick this chip into the family box, wailed the parents, and it will immediately become Pandors's.

is there, then, nothing to be done? I should not be here if there were. I may not have a complete answer, but I believe I have enough of one to hope that parents may now spend less time staring sleepless at the ceiling, wondering how long it will take their brood to work out their Pin numbers, bypass their phone-lock codes, spring their safe combina-tions, deduce their PC passwords, and pull any other techno-stunt necessary to transfer the family jewels to a Cayman account so electronically covert as to be inaccessible to anyone over the age of nine. I believe this because someone of the age of nine came to stay last weekend, and, by sheer coincidence. I found a flaw in his technobility which might just be the salvation of us all.

did not, mind, find it for some time. I took him to see the techno-wondrous Toy Story and asked if he'd enjoyed it. He explained how they'd made it. We went home, and he did umpteen things with my computer I didn't even know it did, and then when I tried to, it didn't. A bit later, he spotted a copy of Captain Hook on my video shelf and I said he could take it, and he said he wouldn't need to take it if I had a second VCR, and I had, so he did something with wires, and after that we had two copies.

And then he wanted to call home. I pointed to the phone. He looked at me. The phone has a dial. I showed him how to dial. He couldn't do it. The dial took so long to return to rest that he lost track of which of the li numbers he had just dialled. He was a keypad kid. And I suddenly knew how to thwart those who have grown up with the new technology. You hit them with the old technology. He could not call Grand Cayman on this phone, even if he twigged my Pin number, and if, moreover, I stuck to a cheque-book, I would not even need a Pin

number for him to twig.

And the V-chip? When I was nine, my father bought our first TV set. It had big walnut doors, with a keyhole. My father kept the key in his pocket. Too much Muffin the Mule might be bad for you.



Use and abuse of science

o not laugh. This has been National Science Week. Scientists across the land have been spreading the messi-anic "good news" that science is alive and exciting. There have been 5,000 events. The Internet has hummed. But while the publicists have fiddled, Rome has burned. Rarely has the role of the scientist in public life looked more sad, or public trust in his methods been more fragile.

Last year, I detected a new strain in what is now Britain's annual lood-scare ritual. It is called Mad Politician Disease, closely related to another virulent strain called Mad Newspaper Syndrome. Both are now raging unchecked, and the infection has spread to Brussels. (Only a cull of the national herd of politicians and journalists offers hope of cure.) What is not clear is the relation of this phenomenon to last week's outbreak of Scientist Inferiority Complex. This too is now rampant. When I saw that the Trade Department had given over its Victoria Street basement for an activity called "Ready, Set96, Go", I knew the epidemic had taken hold.

In the House of Commons last week, the Agriculture and Health Secretaries, Douglas Hogg and Stephen Dorreil. both struggled to dump responsibility for the possible slaughter of thousands of cows on the shoulders of science. Don't ask us what has gone wrong, they said with one voice, ask the scientists. It would, they clearly hoped, be a verbal hop and a skip to, don't blame us, blame them. Ministers were only doing what they were told.

Last December the scientists told them that beef was safe. There was no evidence of a link between a dwindling outbreak of cattle BSE and a few random cases of human CJD. They put the adjective "inconceivable" before the much-abused noun, risk. Ministers took their word for it and cheered. Now, on the basis of the same clinical evidence (or lack of it), the scientists say that they are not so sure. They have put the word inconceivable in a test-tube, added a coincidence or two, heated them to hysteria point, and produced a rather different adjective: extremely small. To a scientist, this might be no more than a matter of experimental linguistics. To a politician, it freezes bone to marrow and drains blood from every cell. How big is extremely small? A mere adverb qualifies the adjective small, but a chasm divides it from inPublic respect for scientists has been sacrificed during the BSE fiasco

conceivable. What is the difference? We don't know, say the scientists. Spongiform encephalo-pathologists are not required to have English A level. Nor do they include probability theorists in their number. After last Sunday's meeting they gave five reasons why they could not quantify the apparent shift in risk since last December. These include the small number of humans infected with what appears a new strain, the resulting lack of data on "infectivity", and the large species barrier between cattle and humans. The implication was that the public should merely know that, of ten new cases of CJD in Britain, seven appear to have had

contact with farm animals fed before the 1989 ban on possibly contaminated offal. the previous CJD cases in Britain and on the Continent, which remain inexplicable. This was hardly

enough. We know that in the absence of causal links, science can only work on probabilities. As with possibly environmental conditions such as leukaemia and some cancers, scientists can only look for clusters and investigate coincidences. But I cannot see why this so-called "evidence" could not have been converted into quantified risk. Jargon on infectivity is no help. I want to know where beef-eating stands on the spectrum of reckless liberties that I take with my body every hour of every day. I do not want to hear about inconceivables or extremely smalls. I want to know, from those more knowledgeable than I, where a steak stands alongside an oyster, a North Sea mackerel a boiled egg and running for the bus. Is it a chance in a million of catching CDJ or a chance in ten million? I am grown up. I can take it on the chin.

in the event, probability was not the scientists' department. But the real catastrophe was what happened next. Science put its reputation at the disposal of politics. The result has been a truly epic systems failure in scientific communication. "Can we still trust them?" cried the Daily Express. "Could it be worse

than Aids?" screamed the Daily Mail. Cartoonists had a field day with mad cows, psychiatric vets, and fastidious cannibals. The Labour Party had French farmers cheering as it demanded the removal of British beef from school menus. The gleeful response of our European "partners" to this discomfi-

ture is still running. Pre-eminent cause for the failure must be the politicisation of what was at root a matter of statistics. Had ministers kept their fingers out of the pie, the integrity of the advice given them might have been more widely respected. Mr Dorrell now turns up to what seem like hourly media interviews with

> a scientist at his side. like Don Quixote with Sancho Panza. It is hopeless to plead that pendent" when he is patently there to save the minister's bacon. As the antics this week of both Ms Harman and Paddy Ashdown

have shown, parliamentary flesh and blood cannot treat a minister as a mere conduit for "independent advice". He must be opposed. If that means rubbishing science, too had.

This is a disaster for the reputation of science in government. The National Farmers' Union indicated yesterday that the BSE affair had gone "beyond science". This means that the union is happy that enough is being done to eradicate BSE in Britain, but regards enough as no longer sufficient. A "gesture" is apparently required to restore confidence. The gesture may include the mass slaughter of perfectly healthy animals and huge financial compensation. Like some primitive tribe, we are expected to immolate our property to propitiate the

raging gods. The Government should plainly have left the chairman of the spongiform advisory committee and its own Chief Medical Officer to handle last week's terminological adjustment. The matter had nothing to do with party politics. If the Agriculture Ministry was dilatory. as has been claimed, in enforcing the ban on scrapic-infected cattle feed after 1989, that merits a select committee inquiry. Last week, the issue was what applied science had to say about risk. On that at least, science was clear: the risk in eating beef remained so tiny as not to merit further action on anyone's part. including the Government's.

If ministers believed that this was a scientific rather than a political judgment, why did they not let the scientists talk for themselves? The very fact of ministers making the announcement tainted the independence of the advice. So did the venue. I cannot imagine a worse place to discuss the shifting nuances of public health than the chamber of the House of Commons. It is like adjusting a watch with a monkey wrench. After watching Ms Harman and Mr Dorrell abusing each other on Monday, I was not surprised when Brussels concluded that enough was enough, and French Customs turned back British beef lorries. I imagine they would do the same to British politicians.

Mr Dorrell and sonify sweet reason in this matter. Their actions have been open and their judgments fair. But the result of their hijacking of science to the cause of government is hysteria, panic and possibly huge expense. The system for conveying important information to the public has collapsed and led to grotesque distortion. British farming - and public administration - has been humiliated.

Science did not fail. It bravely stated the extent of its uncertainty. What failed was the public reception of the message of science. Rectifying this has nothing to do with more science teaching or more science funding or more national science weeks. Such public relations merely makes science seem paranoid and intellectually childish. The failure has been in the response of politics to the actions of science.

Last week the Government intervened to "nationalise" what most countries would have left as a non-partisan, industrial and public health matter. The reason is that modern British government cannot keep its hands off anything. The price will be paid not by farmers or ministers but by taxpayers. It will be paid in a diminished public respect for science. That is most unfair. The remedy lies in scientists recovering sovereignty over their own judgments, rather than dancing round maypoles while governments toss coins.

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The culture of the Forces is in flux, says

Sue Cameron

That a time they are having in Whitehall, Racism, sodomy, missing art treasures - and that is just in the Ministry of Defence. Tomorrow the ministry will unveil plans to counteract racism. in response to a report by the Commission for Racial Equality, which has uncovered evidence of discrimination within the Services in general and in the Household Cavalry in particular. Meanwhile, service chiefs and senior defence civil servants are wondering whether the European Court of Human Rights will overturn their ban on homosexuals in the Forces - a ban so draconian that it damns a man for having homosexual tendencies even if he

does not betray this by word or deed. Today, however, the Defence Ministry's most senior civil servant, Richard Mottram, will face a grilling from MPs not on one of these major concerns for his £22 billion department, but about £100,000 worth of prints and paintings which have gone missing, apparently during reorganisations in the 1980s. The irony is that the ministry can expect woeful publicity on all these fronts just as it is trying to rethink some of its outdated practices. Its efforts underline the difficulties of managing change in a world of publicity and political

The Ministry of Defence shows how much-maligned watchdog bodies such as the Commission for Racial Equality can improve the conduct of institutions. The commission's report was prompted by an incident when a man was seconded from the Royal Engineers to the Household Cavairy - and was promptly sent back again when he was found to be black. It is believed to show that while non-whites make up around 5 per cent of the general population, they account for less than 1.5 per cent of the Armed Forces, and well under I per cent of the Household Cavalry.

Privately, officials admit many in the ministry never really believed that equality legislation applied to them. As a result, monitoring of the recruitment and treatment of people from ethnic minorities was lax or worse. Class attitudes have militated against racial fairness in certain regiments, where officers were recruited because they had been to a particular public school or because they were that; fathers' sons. But it would of course be perverse to stop recruiting from a school that has provided good people in the past, especially as all who are accepted have to pass the entrance exams.

There is evidence that sometimes certain regiments with the best of intentions. It is easy to see how black recruits might be discouraged from joining the Household Division for fear that they would be picked on. And soldiers are notoriously resistant to political correctness, victimising anyone who stands out, whether for being black. Welsh or short-sighted. Senior officers in some units have said that if they are to have black recruits they want two or three, not one. But many people would think that approach discriminatory too.

The ministry's new measures may not go as far as some in the race relations industry would like, but they will mark the start of a real drive to change attitudes. They are expected to include the appointment of race relations advisers to all units to guide commanding officers; leaflets for all members of the Forces, spelling out the equal opportunities policy: new complaints procedures: and much tighter monitoring of the recruitment and promotion of members of ethnic minorities.

7 hether the changes would have come about without pressure from the commission is doubtful. It may be a salutary lesson to those who deride such bodies that they can enforce reform in areas where it is badly needed and where it might not otherwise be brought about at all. At the same time, senior people in the ministry deserve credit for deciding to update some antediluvian attitudes.

Racial equality is not the only area where they are making the attempt, although when it comes to the treatment of homosexuals and lesbians the ministry should be congratulated more for the thoroughness of its research than for the result. It was again an outsider - a senior judge — who suggested a review of the Forces' attitude to homosexuals. although the court upheld their right to

discriminate against them. The ministry duly undertook research, which involved sending ques-tionnaires to 15 per cent of the 200,000 members of the Armed Forces, finding out how America's "don't ask, don't tell" practice works, and producing a 400page report. The decision of the Defence Council - composed of ministers, civil servants and military chiefs - was to ban homosexuals, whether overt or

The justification was that the research shows that 60 per cent of service personnel oppose a "don't ask, don't tell" policy, with 20 per cent in favour and 20 per cent expressing no opinion. The ministry feared that such a policy would offend civilian homosexuals, who would see it as hypocritical or condemnatory.

The ban on overt homosexuality is understandable, whether you agree with it or not; but to outlaw "don't ask, don't tell" lest it raise suspicions about individuals is risible, and there is a good chance the European Court of Human Rights will overturn the ban. It will be interesting to see how far the ministry will be prepared to go in revamping attitudes if that happens.

Sacred cows

BEFORE Harriet Harman kills off our national herd, I feel she should be apprised of the bovine news from India. The World Hindu Council in Delhi will meet today to consider offering religious asylum to some of our unwanted beasts.

Hindus are appalled by the prospect of a national slaughter: they believe that cows should be treated as members of the family. Every part of the cow is medicinal," explains Giriraj Kishore, the Secretary General of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad Party, or World Hindu Council, "Its milk is medicinal. Its dung is antiradioactive and a germ-killer - I am using cow-dung soap and it has removed my itch." (Must try that one.)

"We are meeting tomorrow," he goes on, "to decide what to do with this British problem. We can send representation to Britain to argue that the cow should be saved. And we will consider offering some of the British cows

sacred refuge in India." The notion has its precedent, of course. In 1985, The Times of India reported that Mr Muni Shushil Kumar, of the World Parliament of Religions, was planning to buy

260,000 EEC cattle, earmarked for slaughter because of tighter milk quotas, and ship them to India to make them sacred.

Mr Kumar's plan slipped at the first cattle grid because of financial difficulties, but there is excited cud-chewing now in the Northamptonshire byre of my Uncle Roddy. I'm told that the plaintive lowing of his favourite cow, Harriet. (no beauty but a strap-



At home with the animals

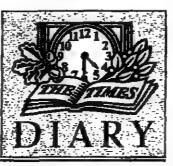
ping milker, whose calves go to selective organic farms) caught the attention of the local MP, Tony Marlow.

Eddie's song

CELEBRITY fans of The Archers are dusting down their ten-gallon hats for an ol' hoedown on the Grange Farm ranch. A Country Music album being recorded by Eddie Grundy (Trevor Harrison) has stars of the music world in a delirious spin.

The far-from-rural crooner Elvis Costello has already donated a song for Harrison to record, and negotiations with other stars are advanced. We are talking Sir Cliff Richard and Billy Connolly. Our people are negotiating with their people," says a hipster from Demon Records, which is producing the album. Both Sir Cliff and Connolly are Archers addicts. At his wedding to the actress Pamela Stephenson on the island of Fiji, Connolly sought out a native choir. which sung out the theme tune to a bagpipe accompaniment.

● Emma Thompson's gratefully gushing performance as she collected an Oscar for best screenplay delighted us Brits but found little favour with Ethan Hawke, the young American film star. "I hate Emma Thompson," he



snarled. "I think she and Glenn Close should get together and do a movie called 'We Simper Smugly — co-starring Robin Williams."

Freeze ...

THE BEEF scare has contributed to an atmosphere of fear at the BBC. Latest casualty: corporate fridges. A memorandum informs staff that, from next month, each department will be asked to pay £2. to have its fridges cleaned. Earthy types who choose not to avail themselves of the service will be required to sign a disclaimer absolving the BBC of blame,

Roadblock

LORD PALUMBO, who reduced the price of his Berkshire home. the Bagnor Manor estate, from £10 million to nearer £6 million because he couldn't sell it, may at least have hooked a buyer for his farmland.

His Georgian mansion is proving virtually impossible to sell because it stands just a Scotch egg's throw from the planned Newbury bypass. But I understand that the farmland (some 1,000 acres) and the river are about to change hands for about £2.5 million.

■ Hearty congratulations to Lady Anne Brewis, daughter of the 3rd Earl of Selborne, who celebrated her 85th birthday yesterday. She has at last completed her epic, The Flora of Hampshire, a work that has been more than 40 years in gestation.

Wheeled off

POOR Sir John Wheeler, MP for Westminster North. His government post, as junior Northern Ireland Minister, may have put the kibosh on his partiamentary career. He cannot find a constituency to take him on after his present one disappears at the next election. It is too much for local parties, it seems, to adopt as their candidate a man said to rank third on the IRA's hit-list.

Wheeler, 55, is the only minister not to have emerged with a new



l'm sorry — you can only have Plasticine bones for the moment

seat from the chicken-run that as sparked by last summer's constituency changes. Peter Lilley. Nicholas Soames and Sir George Young head the list of those who managed successfully to snaffle safe new seats.

"It does put the constituencies off when the Security Services have to sweep the meeting rooms and search selection committees, explains Peter Randall-Johnson, Wheeler's party agent. Showing the tenacity that has made him a hit in Northern Ireland, Wheeler is still trying.

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other tobacco products, and more ac-

tive opposition by parents to the in-creasing incidence of smoking among

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Sir. Is it not unrealistic of the Govern-

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Sir. You report today that the Govern-

ment has "stopped short" of a slaugh-

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this prospective experiment in human

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including children and pregnant mothers; the control group (the rest of

the world) is fed apparently normal

The results will no doubt be pub-

lished in The Lancet when the experi-

ment is complete in perhaps ten years'

time. Our question is: who gave ethi-

cal permission for this study?

Yours sincerely,

JOHN IREDALE,

GORDON STEWART,

The Rayne Institute,

March 28.

University College London

5 University Street, WC1.

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If I were a cynic, I would wonder if



HERE WE GO AGAIN

The cow crisis exposes, once more, Major's fatal flaw

Less than a year after this Government was elected it suffered a devastating assault on its credibility. With its remaining lifespan now in months another blow has been dealt to faith in Conservative competence. John Major may have ERM engraved on his heart but BSE is bidding fair to be tattooed alongside.

There is more than an element of ill-luck in this. Prudent steps were taken as far back as 1989 to minimise danger. The cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease which sparked the current scare, if they come from infected beed, were contracted before 1989. Throughout this week ministers have sought to deal plainly in the devalued currency of scientific opinion. But all that is set at very little in comparison to the overwhelming impression of an administration, once more, at the mercy of events instead of shaping them.

Generous voters might conclude that Mr Major's Government is just plain unlucky. But, even though the Prime Minister has been dealt a succession of poor hands, there is a pattern to the way he has played many of them that points to a flaw in his style of government. Too often Mr Major has held to a position long after it should have been abandoned, and then when the maximum disadvantage has accrued, he has folded.

From the first, forlorn defence of David Mellor's Cabinet post to the disaster of Black Wednesday, through the subsequent support and then ignominious disching of Norman Lamont to the caving-in on qualified majority voting in the EU and the futile opposition to Lord Nolan's recommendations on disclosure of MPs' earnings, the pattern recurs.

The beef scare seems to be following the familiar path. As with Nolan, the Government appears to be on the side of the greedy, in this case farmers rather than MPs, but looks set to leave them poorer, and angrier, at the end of the affair. As with the ERM, radical measures, devaluation then and slaughter now, were pressed from outside, considered, and then rejected only to become ever more likely as a result of relentless market pressure. It is devoutly to be hoped, for the sake of the beef industry, and the Conservative Party, that history does not repeat itself once again in a manner which would be farcical for the Tories but tragic for the farmers.

Potentially most damaging of all is the allegation that the slaughter of cattle was rejected by ministers because they feared the impact on the Exchequer. The idea that decisions on food safety should be so influenced by public spending considerations could alarm even those who are least cynical of ministerial motives.

Europe may yet offer some salvation. The EU's decision to ban British beef provides a rallying point. Revelations that the spread of disease in continental herds may have been hidden lend principled weight to patriotic outrage. It has always seemed odd, given the nature of the cattle trade, that BSE should appear so prevalent in the UK and so very rare elsewhere. Reports from Italy suggest the picture is altogether more complex than many in Europe would wish. But, as with the ERM, crises abroad are cold comfort for those afflicted at home.

Labour has little to lose by pressing home its political advantage. The constituencies it seeks to win are predominantly suburban or semi-industrial, many of them in younger towns such as Luton, Swindon or Bolton where the party that poses as mother's helper rather than farmer's friend will benefit. Labour's stance is not without risks. Older figures in the Shadow Cabinet are cautious about a position which may appear unpatriotic. Commitments pressed on the Government now may have to be paid for by a Labour administration next year. The argument advanced by Peter Mandelson and Harriet Harman that deregulation is responsible for the crisis in what is still Britain's most heavily regulated industry will not convince everyone. But, as with executive pay. Labour is happy to exploit populist discontent. It may make the job of governing in future more difficult but it also makes it more likely.

POPA RAILWAY

Sharebuyers may be less at risk from Labour than they think

The one pledge that is guaranteed to raise the roof at a Labour Party gathering is to a "publicly owned, publicly accountable" railway system. The promise has been made so often that it is surprising that it has not simply been shortened to POPA, as onemember-one-vote became OMOV. The trouble is, a Labour government would not have the money to buy back Railtrack or the operators. Tony Blair and Gordon Brown know this; but they have been able to keep the Left happy with this meaningless mantra until now.

Meaning will, however, have to be inserted into it - and soon. The prospectus for the privatisation of Railtrack, whose advertising campaign started yesterday, will be published next month, and it will have to contain a detailed section on "political risk". This is a euphemism for the danger that Labour might confiscate Railtrack shareholders' voting rights, dividends or shares, or regulate the company's profits out of existence.

So far Labour has adopted a doublepronged approach. On one side are Mr Brown and Clare Short, Shadow Transport Secretary, who want to shift subsidy from the operators to Railtrack in return for cutting the track charges to operators. Once Railtrack is in receipt of large sums from the Government, they think that this could act as a surrogate for public ownership. On the other side are John Prescott, deputy leader and former occupant of Ms Short's job. and Brian Wilson, her deputy. They want to convert ordinary shares to preference shares, thus transferring shareholders' voting rights to the Government. This would require primary legislation and would be hugely complex.

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Messrs Prescott and Wilson are convinced that popular opinion is on their side. Leftwing opinion certainly is: renationalisation of rail is the sop that is always thrown to the Left in return for other "new" Labour policies. But Labour has worked hard and to considerable effect to gain goodwill in the City. The trust that it has secured is tragile enough to be destroyed if the party were to start interfering with shareholders' rights except through buying fairly in the market. Is Mr Blair really going to put the demands of the RMT rail union (which, incidentally, has several members of Arthur Scargill's new party on its executive) above the goodwill of the City?

The chances are that Ms Short's subsidy option will be adopted. As far as the Left is concerned, this will be a fudge. Giving a company a subsidy is no substitute for ownership. It is an indirect and not even guaranteed form of control: that is all. It could not be exchanged for equity except either by buying shares, which would be too expensive, or by diluting the equity, which shareholders would not tolerate.

Labour can always continue to harbour a theoretical long-term aspiration to renationalisation. But, like common ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange, it is never going to be put into practice. Each time that the party conference calls for renationalisation, the Chancellor of the day merely has to ask activists from which public service they would like to take the several billion pounds that a buyback would cost. Education? Health? Putting the unemployed back to work? For new Railtrack shareholders, the political risk is likely to be less than the discount on the new shares may suggest.

TIE ME UP, TIE ME DOWN

Why the Oscars are not half as smart as they used to be

We should not really complain about the Oscars. After all, our Emma Thompson won a wee gong - even though her unattractive acceptance speech deserved only brickbats - and a film with a Scots theme, Braveheart, won the award for best picture in sight. But we do have a complaint, and it has nothing to do with the judges' decisions: what happened to the black tie and why was this formal dress given such short shrift by America's gifted great and good?

One should not exaggerate the emergency. of course, but America's film stars have let the starched side down. Black tie may have been a British invention, but its preservation as a smart man's must-wear is pure New World good sense.

Ever since Griswold Lorrilard introduced the dinner jacket at his club at Tuxedo, New York, in 1886, the dress-coat without tails (worn in the evening as a less formal alternative to the swallow-tailed soup and fish has been the preferred dinner-wear of elegant men around the world. But only in America does it still survive with its dignity intact: even in once-stuffy Britain, where glad rags used to be de rigueur, black tie risks confinement to Oxbridge high tables. ambitious undergraduate dining societies

and London livery companies. For Hollywood to turn its back on the tuxedo is a serious affair indeed. Informal modern menswear cannot match its muted elegance, even on manicured male film bodies. Quentin Letts, writing today on our foreign pages, describes the full horror of the decline - from which account a wider question must emerge.

What use is Hollywood's decadence if it springs not from formality? Smooth Clark Gable often leant across and kissed his swooning ladies on screen with his tuxedo and tie on: minutes later his jacket was off and his bow tie askew, undress that spoke of high-class passion. Frank Sinatra took his encores his way, his bow tie undone in languid indication of well-dressed masculinity.

This year's Oscars were distressing precisely because there were so few ties to undo. There is no time, sir," Jeeves once intoned to Bertie Wooster, "when a tie does not matter." What that wondrous Desert Island valet would have made of sloppy Steven Spielberg, or Robin Williams, or even Jeremy Irons (who should have known better) is a question we feel bound to ask. Jeeves would surely have shuddered - as he would, almost certainly, at Braveheart or Leaving Las Vegas - and handed in his resignation. What good are those darn Oscars, we ask, without the "full fig"?

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Provost's House.

Pembroke Road.

Yours faithfully,

March 25.

HILARY EDWARDS,

From Dr John Iredale

and Dr Gordon Stewart

57 Staunton Road, Oxford.

March 25.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL L. YORKE,

Old Portsmouth, Hampshire.

From Mrs Hilary Edwards

Responsible advice and choice of the consumer on BSE

From Sir Simon Gourlay

Sir. Over the last few days ministers have stated time and again that the Government has consistently acted on the basis of the best scientific advice available on BSE and have denied any charge that they or their predecessors have ever dragged their feet in implementing measures recommended by that advice. They seem painfully unaware that the manner of government statements over the last ten years is itself largely responsible for today's acute loss of credibility in almost any-

thing they may say about BSE. Ministers have failed to take account of the fact that scientific knowledge on encephalopathy is not, and for a very long time cannot be, definitive. If you make pronouncements based on the science of the day which read as though cast in tablets of stone, you look flat footed when the frontiers of knowledge move on. Do it often enough and you run out of credibility; especially when government, on its own subsequent admission, was responsible in the first place for the BSE disaster by lowering the standards for treatment of offals in animal feeds.

As you rightly point out in your leader today, it is sometimes essential to go beyond the science of the day to retain consumer confidence. The National Farmers Union recommended to MAFF certain measures in 1990, which were rejected at the time, nearly all of which have since been imple-mented. Ministerial fury directed at the EU veterinary committee's decision to ban all export of British beef will get us precisely nowhere.

We have got to move fast and well beyond the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee's analysis If we are to save a great tranche of our beef industry — including the vitally important processing sector — from annihilation. To remove cattle born before 1991 from the food chain at the end of their productive life would be neither logistically difficult nor ruinously expensive.

There is another crucial element in restoring consumer confidence. In your leader on Monday you suggested that "food scares can be better handled in future only by a clearer divi-sion of responsibility". You should be more forthright and more explicit. As we wait for the further events of this week to reveal the extent of the collapse in the British beef industry and who may be going to pick up the tab, let us begin a vigorous campaign for a food and drug agency, totally independent of any government depart-

Trainee lawyers

From the Chairman

of the Bar Council

ment, with a clear duty to inform and advise without let or hindrance by any politician.

Parliament would still be responsible for the enactment and enforcement of appropriate regulatory measures, but the politicians would not be responsible for saying whether or not something was safe. Others would advise: consumers would then make up their own minds on whether or not to heed that advice.

Yours faithfully. SIMON GOURLAY (President of the National Farmers Union, 1986-91), Maryvale Farms, Hill House Farm, Knighton, Powys. March 26.

From Mr Kirk Mayer

Sir, This week I decided I should have beef for two evening meals rather than the usual one - supporting the home team and all that.

I had reckoned without one of the leading supermarket chains. Unless I wanted a joint of prime Scottish beef my preferred choice would be missing from the menu. The supermarket had decided that mince and the cheaper cuts should not be an option, and they had been withdrawn.

Am I now denied even the opportunity to influence my life? Are my choices to be made for me, by those who think they know better?

The collapse in demand for beef now seems certain, despite this consumer's wishes.

Yours faithfully, KIRK MAYER The Limes, 25 Rheda Park, Frizington, Cumbria. March 26.

From Mrs Mary Todman Sir, Why not return to the Creator's design and feed them grass?

Yours faithfully, MARY TODMAN, Eblands Cottages, Challow Road, Wantage, Oxfordshire.

From the Provost of Portsmouth

Sir. As I observe the response to the BSE scare by the general public and by government, both in this country and elsewhere, I am bound to note the difference as compared to that towards the much more scientificallyproven lethal dangers of tobacco. Are we now to expect a mass with-

Standards at the bench

From Mr Francis C. Palmer, JP

Sir, This council is increasingly concerned about problems encountered by law students in funding their postgraduate vocational education and training (report, March 12, later editions). The significant reduction in the availability of local authority awards in recent years has made it increasingly difficult for students who do not have parental financial support to fund such training: this inevitably means that some able students are de-

terred from a career in the law. Last year the Inns of Court offered awards amounting to £1.6 million to those entering the profession; and the Bar itself provided a total of about £4.5 million in pupillage awards.

The Bar Council is seeking to persuade the Government of the need for urgent action. It must take steps to ensure that funding sources are available for those able students who would otherwise be excluded.

Yours faithfully, DAVID PENRY-DAVEY. Chairman. The General Council of the Bar,

3 Bedford Row, WCl.

Rating anomaly

From Mr P. M: Reed-

Sir, Mr Stephen Kingsley, in his letter about business rates (March 18), rightly highlights one of the absurdities that are now becoming endemic in what was once a simple tax calculated by multiplying the annual value by the "rate poundage" for the year.

Members of the Rating Surveyors' Association value properties for rating purposes throughout the country and are faced with trying to explain the inexplicable to ratepayers. At the root of the problem lie the "transitional arrangements". In the 1990 quinquennial rating lists, these arrangements favoured the south and damaged the north; the 1995 arrangements are working in roughly the opposite

Under the 1990 arrangements, the Government eventually managed to remove the pain from the sufferers: but last autumn's Budget has actually slowed down the process of transition. providing no help to those already suffering (like Mr Kingsley).

The transitional arrangements are distorting the free market in property in this country, and ways must be found sooner than later to do away with the scheme.

Yours faithfully, P. M. REED (Vice-President. The Rating Surveyors' Association). c/o King Sturge & Co. 7 Stratford Place, WI. March 19.

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Sir. In 1985 one of the magistrates on my bench received a letter from the Lord Chancellor's office criticising her severely for being guilty of driving at 45mph in a built-up area. There was a subtle hint of resignation. She was a most conscientious magistrate and a credit to the bench. As chairman, whilst not condoning her offence, I wrote to the Lord Chancellor's office

expressing concern at such treatment. I suggested that it would be more appropriate to deal severely with some of the recent appointees who were not measuring up to the standards required, giving evidence to support my views. The Lord Chancelfor's office replied by informing me that "it is Advisory Committees that [the Lord Chancellor] looks to for re-

commendations for appointment to

bench should think he had a right to be a member or to attend meetings of that committee. On Panorama last night an anonymous interviewee proudly proclaimed

the Bench", and that no chairman of a

he had been a magistrate for ten years, had been growing and smoking cannabis for twenty, and tried to influence his colleagues to take a lenient view when dealing with drug offences. So self-confessed criminals are being appointed to the bench. This appears to support my complaint of ten years ago that standards were being lowered in favour of a greater "spread" of appointees. And the system of appointing advisory committee members might also be reviewed.

Yours truly, F. C. PALMER, 2 Rose Bushes. Epsom Downs, Surrey. March 26.

Caught speeding

From Mr Graham Allen, MP for Nottingham North (Labour)

Sir, I was saddened to read your report, "183 drivers are caught speeding in one hour" (later editions. March 19; letter, March 23). The fact that so many cars on this stretch of road were breaking the law reflects the culture of speeding that has developed over the ast twenty years. Behaviour such as this cannot simply be eradicated overnight, but the Government has consistently failed to implement any measures that tackle the problem at its

Speeding is now the cause of nearly one-third of road deaths. Yet the Goveriment's approach to reducing fatalities among pedestrians and cyclists is to warn them of road dangers rather

than attempting to improve driving standards. Speed cameras are a valuable weapon in the fight against speeding, yet they must be part of an overall transport strategy, with education beginning in schools about how to use roads safely, whether on foot or in a car.

There must be stricter enforcement of penalties. The motorists caught in Kent will probably consider them-selves unlucky and keep their eyes peeled for speed cameras in future rather than reduce their speed.

Speeding is potentially as dangerous as drink-driving. We can no longer treat it as socially acceptable behav-

Yours sincerely. **GRAHAM ALLEN** (Shadow Minister for Transport), House of Commons.

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tion in schools is "diverse". The reason

is that many RE specialists fear reli-gions as living faiths and prefer to re-

duce them to sociological phenomena.

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tion - the challenge, the spirit and the

The major role for religious educa-

Pupils and faith **Economic insecurity**

From Councillor Malcolm Hyland From Mr Stephen Morris Sir, I believe there is another side to Sir, Mr Howard Grace (letter, March

Peter Riddell's excellent article, "Economic insecurity remains the Tories' bugbear" (March 26). That is the false confidence of the Seventies and Eighties with which we compare our pre-sent conditions. These periods of high inflation and wage settlements and costly work practices have contributed directly, together with the relentless march of new technology, to the present levels of unemployment and today's insecurity.

reality of faiths. This country has gone through a painful readjustment but it now has a STEPHEN MORRIS (Head of Religious Education). sound economic foundation on which Beverley Grammar School, to build and bring with it lasting and

their pupils.

well founded confidence. We should all adjust to these new realities and not hark back to the false security of vestervear. Yours faithfully. MALCOLM HYLAND (Councillor,

Shortlands Ward. Bromley).

13 Linden Grove, Sydenham, SE26.

Queensgate. Beverley, East Yorkshire, March 20.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -0171-782-5046.

Climbers' concern for Cairn Gorm

From Sir Chris Bonington and others Sir. We write as the current president and former presidents of the Alpine Club to draw attention to the proposal, conditionally approved by the Highland Regional Council, to build a funicular railway to the summit of Cairn Gorm. Scotland's fourth highest mountain, together with a large visitor centre and facilities on the summit plateau itself.

We recognise the understandable concerns of the local communities to forward development in this area of the Highlands. But this proposal would do irreversible damage to one of Europe's most important wild areas, both in landscape and nature-

conservation terms. If the Government's commitment to the environment and to sustainable development is to mean anything, the need for sensitivity in the development of this fragile area must surely lie at the top of its priorities, not least because the Cairngorms are generally recognised as being of World Heri-

tage site quality.
We ask the Secretary of State for Scotland to intervene and set in train a strategic analysis of the development needs of the whole Glenmore corridor, consistent with the preservation of this unique environment. We believe there are solutions which are consistent with the Government's commitment to sustainable develop-

We believe that all mountaineers and conservationists would entirusiastically co-operate in a statesmanlike approach such as this.

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CHRIS BONINGTON (President), JOHN HUNT (President, 1956-59), J. H. EMLYN JONES (1980-83). CHORLEY (1983-86), GEORGE BAND (1987-90). H. R. A. STREATHER (1990-93). M. H. WESTMACOTT (1993-95). The Alpine Club, 55/56 Charlotte Road, EC2.

Glen Brittle

From Mr Ernest Carr

Sir, On March 13 you published a letter of mine on a proposal to build a restaurant, shop and hostel, with a large car and coach park, in Glen Brittle on the Isle of Skye, on an unspoilt site of great natural beauty.

All those who were concerned about the damage that this would have caused will be glad to know that the Highland Regional Council has now informed the 150 objectors that the developers have withdrawn their planning application.

Yours faithfully, ERNEST CARR, 17 Bertram Road, Liverpool. March 23.

Catch 23?

From Dr N. D. Barnes

Sir. Psychological profiling for all gun licence applicants (News in brief. March 25)? We underestimate the contribution of Joseph Heller on such matters.

There need be no restriction on applying for a licence for any handgun. It is evident that making such an application indicates unsuitability and should be refused.

Yours faithfully, NICK BARNES. Rhee House, Church Street, Harston, Cambridgeshire. March 25.

Heartening news

From Mr D. J. Kiernan

Sir, With the recent announcement that consumption of alcohol (in moderate quantities) can reduce the risk of heart disease (report, March 22) it is surely now time for the Government to remove the tax from this health-giving product.

Yours faithfully. D. J. KIERNAN, l Mayday Cottages, Bury Road, Brandon, Suffolk.

In the chair From Mr T. M. H. Scott

Sir, The answer to the question posed by Lord Esher (letter, March 23) is that the Scots convenor in almost every case has not actually convened the meeting. The word is, therefore, even more silly than chair or chairper-

If we are to depart from the timehonoured term chairman, a better solution would be "presider", for it accurately describes what he or she actually

Yours sincerely T. M. H. SCOTT, 236 Banstead Road, Banstead, Surrey.

From Mr S. R. Lancelyn Green Sir. When an eminent judge from these parts was approached by an official who introduced herself as a chair she replied: "In that case I'm the

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Anyone who thinks they are a chair ought in my view to be sat on.

Yours faithfully, S. R. LANCELYN GREEN, Poulton Hall, Poulton Lancelyn, Bebington, Wirral, Merseyside.



COURT CIRCULAR

BELVEDERE PALACE WARSAW

March 26: The Queen this morning visited the British Council, Warsaw. and foured the building, meeting staff and Polish contacts of the Council. Her Majesty afterwards visited Sæfan Batory School, watched a theatrical performance and toured

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later attended a Reception for members of the British Community at the Palace on the Water,

rus Royal High-ness subsequently gave a Luncheon at the Hotel Bristol. Her Majesty and His Royal High-

This afternoon The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited the Sejm and Her Majesty was received by the Marshal of the Sejm and the Marshal of the Senate. Later The Queen and The Duke of

Edinburgh were received by the Prime Minister in The President's Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness and The President of the Republic of Poland, addressed the

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later laid a Wreath at the Liberator Stone, Skaryszewski Park,

Her Majesty and His Royal High-ness this evening amended a perfor-mance of "La Fille Mal Gardee", before giving a Reception, at the National Theatre. Warsaw. The Duke of Edinburgh this morn-ing amended a British/Polish Cham-ber of Commerce Seminar at the

ber of Commerce Seminar at the Host Bristol.

His Royal Highness afterwards visited the University of Warsaw and was present at the Signing of an Agreement between Warsaw and Cambridge University in the Senate

The Duke of Edinburgh this after-noon met a Polish-British Parliamentary group at the Sejm.

By Command of The Queen, Vice Admiral Sir James Weatherall (Mar-shal of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency Senor Don Ernesto Trigueros at 159 Great Portland Street, London WI, this morning in order to bid farewell to His excellency upon relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the Republic of El Salvador to the Court of S. Ignerich.

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The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Sir Brian McGrath at the Service of

Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Glendevon which was held in the Guards Chapet, Wellington Bar-

racks, London SWI, today.
The Duke of Kent was represented by Major General Iain Mackay-Dick.
Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady
Ogilvy was represented by the Lady
Mary Mumford.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 26: The Prince Edward, President, this evening attended a performance of the Threepenny Opera" given by the National Youth Music Theatre at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, London W6.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 26: The Princess Royal this morning attended the National Equine Forum at the Royal Vet-erinary College, University of London, Royal College Street, Landon NWI.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, College of Occupational Therapists, this afternoon attended the National Vocational Qualifications Conference at 6-8 Marshalsea Road, Lonon SEI. The Princess Royal, Patron, SENSE — the National Deafblind and Rubella Association, this evening attended a Fortieth Anniversary

Reception at Buckingham Palace.
Her Royal Highness, Patron, the
Development Trust (for the Mentally
Handicapped), larer attended a Dinner a 2 Wilton Terrace, London SWI.

CLARENCE HOUSE CLARENCE HOUSE
March 26: Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother was represented by
The Princess Margaret. Countess of
Snowdon at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord
Glendevon which was held in the
Guards Chapel. Wellington Barregister toollars.

ST JAMES'S PALACE March 26: The Prince of Wales this aftremoon commenced a two day seminar to discuss agriculture and the environment in the European

KENSINGTON PALACE March 26: The Princess Margaret Countess of Snowdon. Master of the Bench, this evening dired with the Treasurer and Past Treasurers of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

KENSINGTON PALACE March 26: The Duke of Gloucester was present at the Worshipful Company of Constructors' Ladies' Banquet at Mansion House, London ECA.

Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of Kent, as President of Marie Curie Cancer Care, will attend a reception at the Mansion House at

Schools news Queen Margaret's School.

Oueen Margaret's School, York, announces the award of the following Scholarships for September 1996.

Academic

11+ Entrance: Averili Biundell, Lady Lane: Anoushka Kenley, Brackenfield: Samantha Roebuck, 12+: Jennifer Bianco, OMS; Sarah Ulingworth, The Minster School. illingworn, The Minster School.

13-: Jona Sanders, Mowden Hall.

Sixth Form: Cecily Boys, OMS;

Hannah Foster, OMS; Raty

Marchbank-Smith, OMS; Catherine

Nightingale, Polam Hall.

Camilia Florsfield, The Minster School Rowers Macrae, Croftinioan.

The Royal College of Anaesthetists

Professor C. Prys-Roberts and Professor C.J. Hull have been re-elected President and Vice-President respectively of the Royal College of Anaesthetists and Professor L. Strunin has been elected Vice-President, to take effect from June 19, 1996.

Lord Marshall of Goring

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Marshall of Goring will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Thursday, May 2. These wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 2, 1 Little Cloister. Westminster Abbev SWIP 3PL, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted on April 22.

Ann Blaikie

A memorial Mass in Thanksgiving for the life of Ann Blackie will be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday. April 27, 1996, at 2.00pm.

Reunion

St James's Secretarial College, London SW5 There will be an old girls reunion. For information tel: 01242 261459.



Students at the Royal Ballet School in west London rehearsing yesterday after the announcement of an extra 100 state-funded places at music and ballet schools, bringing the total to 600. The scheme will also fund tuition and boarding. Dance, page 38

Dinners

Constructors' Company

The Duke of Gloucester presented The Vellum of the Constructors' Company to the 1994 Geoffrey Williams Scholar, Mr Stuart Gethin, at the Constructors' ladies dinner held last night at the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompa-nied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present. The Master, Mr Anthony Appleton, presided and presented the Lord Mayor with a cheque for his appeal for St John Ambulance. The Duke of cester, the Lord Mayor and Mr Peter Steer also spoke.

Lord Mayor of Westminster The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at the annual civic dinner of the City of Westminster held last night at the Dorchester hotel. Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Members of both Houses of Parliament, Mayors of London Boroughs, representatives of the Church and other Faiths, HM Forces, the emergency services, the arts, commerce, representatives of voluntary and charitable organ-Isations and other friends of Westminster were present.

Shipwrights' Company Mr David Steel, QC, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the Shipwrights' Com-party held last night at Iron-mongers' Hall. Mr Ole S. Kvern-dal, Prime Warden, presided.

European-Atlantic Group Sir David Hannay was the guest speaker at a dinner of the European-Atlantic Group held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Lord Dahrendorf, chairman, presided.

Weavers' Company

Mr J.G.Y. Raddiffe, Upper Bailiff of the Weavers' Company, wel-comed Miss Caroline Charles at the company's annual textile awards held yesterday at Saddlers'

riall.

The Young Weaver of the Year was awarded to Mr Jody correct ingram and the Weavers Company medal and prise to Mr Js. Corrio. The Royal College of Art and the Bolton Institute of Higher Education received technology awards. Design Awards went to The Royal Society of Arts. Perprint, the Design Trust and the Royal College of Art. The Northern Textile Museums Training project also received an award.

Memorial services

Mr Desmond Shawe-Taylor

A memorial service and musical

celebration for the life of Mr Desmond Shawe-Taylor, Chief

Music Critic of The Sunday Times

1958-1983, was held yesterday ar St Martin-In-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square. The Rev Bernhard Schilbernann officiated. The Earl

of Harewood, Mrs Frances Par-

tridge, Mr George Rylands, CH, and Mr Desmond P. Shawe-

Mr John Warrack, Mr Andrew Porter, Music Critic of The Ob-

server, and Mr David Cairns, Senior Music Critic of The Sunday

Times, introduced music by Jana

cek, Britten and Schubert. The

performers were: Brindisi Quartet

with Mr Anthony Pleeth, cello, Mr

Richard Edgar-Wilson, tenor, Mr Andrew Ball, plano, and Mr Paul

Stubbings, organ. Among others

Taylor nephew, gave addresses.

Lord Cleudevon The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Sir Brian McGrath and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother by Princess Margaret at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Glendevon held yesterday in the Guards Chapet, Wellington Barracks. The Duke of Kent was represented by Major-General Iain Macksy-Dick, Prince Michael of Kent by Sir Peter Scott and The Queen and the Duke of of Kent by Sir Peter Scott and Princess Alexandra by Lady Mary Mumford.

The Rev Roy McAllen officiated, assisted by the Rev Jonathan Gough, Lord Glendevon, son, read the lesson and the Hon Jonathan Hope, son, read an extract from his father's memoirs, Thanks for The Laughter. Sir Edward Cazalet gave an address. Among others resent were:

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Mrs Charles Paravicial Mr Bende
Hilzabeth Ann Paravicial Mr Densk
Paravicial Mr Strop and Lady Jolka
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Martin Renyon, Mila Elles Renyon, Mila
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and Mrs David Howard, Lord Berlie
Hope, Lady Louisa Hope.

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Parvers, Lord Michael Proplan Howard,
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Mr Religh Trevelyan, Dr Lewson McDonald, Major Thomas Harvey, Mr

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Milines, Mr and Mrs Andrew Marray
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Mr Orni Abdullah, Mr Nicholas
Addison, Mr and Mrs John Abrauden, Mr
John Allison, Dr Heisen Annis, Mrs Jose
Berrd, Mr Michael Berner, Ms Joan Belleffor, Mr James Bernard, Mrs Mannen
Best, Mr James Bernard, Mrs Municen
Best, Mr Janes Bernard, Mr Michael
Canning, Mr And Mrs Alam Byth, Mr Hongh
Canning, Mr Pric Coad, Miss Barbara,
Coombs, Mr Pegur Coombs, Mr Terence
Cooper, Mr A F Coppen, Mr And Mrs
Craske, Mr C E Davies, Mr William
Davies, William Davis, Mr David Dougill,
Mr Gerald Dougherry.

Mr and Mrs David Draw. Mr Paul Driver, Mrs Marion Edwards, Mr and Mrs Maiothn Pall, Mr Lewis Foteman, Airs Harrier France, Mr David Foston, Mr Stellos Galanopoulos, Mr Privilida Gilli, Mass Diama Gordon, Mr Kits Hall, Mr and Mrs. Hogh. Bolky. Mrs. Jeng. Mrs. Hoghes, Mr. R. B. Deckson, Mrs. Rose Jackson, Mrs. Rose Perin. Mr. Mannel Rudw. Ms. Kuthlern Regionod.

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General Dental Council Lord Woolf delivered the Wilfred Fish lecture to the General Dental Council yesterday at 37 Wimpole Street. Dr Margaret Seward, president, accompanied by Professor Gordon Seward, presided.

Birthdays today Lord Amery of Lustleigh, 77; Mr D.R.G. Andrews, former chair-man, Land Rover-Leyland, 63; Mrs Mary Armour, artist, 94; Miss Ruth Ashton, former general-secretary, Royal College of Midwives, 57; Mr R.P. Bauman, chairman, British Aerospace, 65; Professor A.J. Bellingham, president. Royal College of Pathologists, 58; Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, former chairman, Press Council, 70; Mr Kim Brassey, racehorse trainer, 41; Lord Callaghan of Car-diff, KG, 84; Mr R.P. Cohan, choreographer, 71; Mr P. Daubeny, chief executive, Electricity Association, 58; Mr Patrick Deuchar, chief executive, Albert Hall, 47; Miss Maria Ewing, opera singer, 46; Lord Fanshawe of Richmond, 69; Mr Julian Glover, actor, 61; Sir David Hancock, civil servant, 62; Mr Ellery Hanley, rugby league player, 35; Mr Nicholas Hawkins, MP, 39; Mr Victor Hochhauser, impresario, 73; Lord Lyell, 57; Mr Patrick McCabe, novellst, 41; Mr J.G. Parker, former High Master, Magchester Grammar Scoool, 63; Lord Plumb, MEP, 71; Mr Mstislav Rostropovich, cellist and conductor, 69; Sir Richard Sharp. civil servant, 81; Admiral Sir Jock Stater, 58; Professor Margaret Statey, sociologist, 74; the Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, 61; Mr Frank Taylor, Chief Constable, Durham, 63: Miss Daphne Todd, president, Royal Society of Portrait Painters, 49; Mr Cyrus Vance, KBE, former American politician,

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Michael Bruce, poet, Kinnesswood, Kinrosshire, 1746; Heinrich Mann, novelist, Lubeck, Germany, 1871; Gloria Swanson, actress, Chicago, Illinois, 1899. DEATHS: King James VI of Scotland (from 1567) and James I of England (reigned 1603-25), Theo-balds, Hertfordshire, 1625; Sir George Gilbert Scott, architect, London, 1878; Henry Adams, historian, Washington, 1918; Arnold Bennett, novelist, London, 1931; Yuri Gagarin, first cosmonaut to orbit the Earth (1961), killed in an air crash, Moscow, 1968. The first successful blood transfusion took place in a Brussels hospital, 1914.

Forthcoming marriages 🏄

Mr E.H. Balfour and Miss V.F. Norton The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Rear

Admiral and Mrs Hugh Balfour, of Donhead St Mary, and Vanessa, daughter of Mr Barrie Norton, of Perth, Australia, and Mrs Jeffrey Jarvis, of Brisbane. Lieutenant M.A. Colwell, RN.

and Miss A.M. Fallowfield The engagement is announced between Manhew, son of Mr Roger Colwell, of Brixton, Devon. and Mrs Christina Atwell, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Anneliese, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Adrian Fallowfield, of Thornford, Dorset. Mr G. Gavigan

and Miss K.E. Hughes The engagement is announced between Gabriel, son of Mr Parrick Gavigan and the late Dr Louie Gavigan, of Aclare, County Slign. and Kerys, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hughes, of Wenvoe, South Glamorgan.

Mr D.P. Leverett and Miss L.V.P. Parker The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Mr Andrew Thomas Leverett, and of Mrs Leverett, of Bartlesville, Okiahoma, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Parker, of London, NWII.

Mr M.R. Mainelli and Miss E. Reuss The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Michael and Katherine Mainelli, and and Maria Reuss. The marriage will take place on May 18, in

abeth, daughter of Reinhold Pfersdorf, Germany. Mr ZJ.B. Newman and Miss R.M. Curter

The engagement is announced between Zachary, son of Mr and Mrs Trevor Newman. of Ashford Hill, Hampshire, and Rachel, daughter of Mr Michael Carter and the late Mrs Carter, of Chorley, Lancashire. Mr M.R. Sheldon

and Miss G.V. Hazhit The engagement is announced between Marcus, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.S.R. Sheldon, of Perridge House, Pilton, Somerset, and Gillian, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs B.R. Hazlitt, of Cousins Farm, The Haven, West

Sussea Mr J.L. Spence and Miss S.J. Swan The engagement is armounced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Keith Spence, of Harlington, Bedfordshire, and Sarah-Jane, elder daughter of Mr Paul Swan,

of Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire. Mr G.A. Worsley and Micy J.B. Pittman The engagement is announced between Giles, younger son of Sir Marcus and the Hon Lady Worsley, of Hovingham, Yorkshire, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Pitman, of Pewsey, Wiltshire.

Funeral service

Dr William McNeil Styles The funeral of Dr William McNell Styles, OBE, FRCGP, took place on Friday, March 15, at St Nicholas's, Chiswick. The Rev Dr John Thewils officiated and paid tribute. Sir Donald Irvine read the lesson. Mrs Soo Keyworth and Dr Stuart Carne gave addresses. Among those present were:

those present were:

Members of the family. Mr N Aronsolm, Mr S Aronsolm. Dr A Builloy. Dr J Bail, Mr P Barker, Sir John Batten, Dr T Boyd, Dr J Bail, Mr P Barker, Sir John Batten, Dr T Boyd, Dr J Badley, Sir Kenneth Calman, Dr Mr Carni, Dr and Mrs S Carne, Mr A Carni, Dr and Mrs S Carne, Mr A Carni, Dr J Cheng, Dr J Dymond, Dr R Omster, Dr G Dykas, Dr J Dymond, Dr N Praesr, Professor P Frælling, Professor G Freeman, Dr J Cilley, Professor J Grant, Professor D Harvey, Dr S Hirst, Dr J Horder, Dr R Horming, Lady Irvine, Dr J Horder, Dr S Horming, Lady Irvine, Dr J Horder, Mr A Langlands, Dr J Lee, Dr P Leach, Mr J Liptit, Professor M Martin, Dr R Maxwell, Ipct. Protestor at Martin, Dr. R. Maxwell.
Dr.J. Marks, Mr.B. Martin, Dr. R. Maxwell.
Dr. M. Meffride, Dr. D. Murtin, Dr. F. Navey.
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Silver, Dr. B. K. Simba, Dr. Y. Smith, Dr. D.
Stableforth, Dr. P. J. Stableforth, Mr. J.
Stern, Mr. C. Stewart-Murro, Mr. M.
Sturridge, Dr. B. Sweeney, Mr.S. J. Thewis,
Dr. J. Toby, Dr. W. Ward, Dr. D. Wingfield,
representatives of the RCGP, staff and
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March 22nd, Rachel Katharine of Dudmaston, Smoranna aged 87. Science wife of 8ir George Labouchere C.B.E., K.C.M.G. Private family funeral and no memorial strates that the commencial strates the commencial strates and the commencial strates and the commencial strates and the commencial strates are the commencial strates and the commencial strates and the commencial strates and the commencial strates and the commencial strates are the commencial strates and the commencial strates and the commencial strates are the commencial strates and the commencial strates are strategies and the commencial strategies are strategies and the commencial strategies are strategies and the commencial strategies and the commencial strategies are strategies are strategies and the commencial strategies are strategies are strategies and the commencial strategies are strategies are strategies and the commencial strategies are strategies and strategies are strategies and strateg funeral and no memorial service at her own request. Also at her course, no letter or flowers please, but donations in aid of St. Andrew's Church Quait may be sent to P. Haycox and Son. Funeral Directors, Stouthridge Road, Wootlon, nr Eridgmorth. Shrosshire WV15 6EE. Tet: (01746) 750-58.

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OBITUARIES

Senator Edmund Muskie, US Secretary of State, 1980-81, and Senator from Maine, 1959-80, died yesterday aged 81. He was born on March 28. 1914.

IT WAS Ed Muskie's misfortune to be most widely remembered for an incident that really counted for very little, given the general range of his career. In March 1972, while campaigning for the Democratic nominanon in New Hampshire, he broke down in tears while referring to scandalous stories that had surfaced about his wife's alleged drinking.

The vision of a supposedly strong man weeping was sufficient to wreck his hopes of securing his party's nomination — just the result the Nixon White House "dirty tricks" department had counted on in planting the stories in the first place. But, in reality. Muskie had lost little. Richard Nixon never needed Watergate or any of its associated activities in order to win that election. By getting knocked out of the contest long before even his party's own convention Muskie simply saved himself the martyr's crown that eventually landed on the brow of George McGovern who, in November 1972, went down to one of the most ignominious descats in the history of American politics.

Ed Muskie first emerged as a major figure in US politics as Hubert Humphrey's vice-presidential candidate in 1968. That, too, was hardly an enviable inheritance. After the confusion, chaos and internecine fighting which disfigured that year's Chicago convention — and the awkward, ambivalent relationship of the party's standard-bearer to the outgoing President. Lyndon Johnson - no one gave much for the Democratic ticket's chances.

But in the campaign Muskie succeeded in making a perceptible personal hit. He dominated the radical student crowds, while also impressing the average American voter with his calm, his immense height, his honesty and his carefully publicised Polish origins. His freedom from the vulgarity which American commentators detected in the other political candidates (including his own running-mate) made him the

clear favourite of the American press. The only curious aspect was that anyone should have been surprised at such an outcome. His record as a vote-winner was, after all, there for SENATOR EDMUND MUSKIE



all to see. Single-handed he had captured and held the traditionally Republican state of Maine - As Maine goes, so goes Vermont" was the wag's joke at the time of the Roosevelt 1936 landslide — in the Democratic column, first as Governor in 1954, then as Senator four years later. His rise in the Senate had been as steady, as unflashy and as solidly based as his rise in Maine

In the confusion which followed Richard Nixon's narrow victory in the 1968 election he thus seemed the natural candidate for the Democratic nomination in 1972. For some time that appearance was borne out by the opinion polls which made him by far the strongest figure among the potential Democratic candidates, excepting only Senator Edward Kennedy.

But, even before his crying in the snow, actual experience on the hustings had revealed how unreliable such polls can be. He proved both physically and temperamentally unsuited to the constant public exposure of the campaign. His initial successes were distinctly underwhelming -

and long before (as he always claimed) the snowflakes got into his eyes in New Hampshire, he must have privately recognised that he was not cast by nature for the role of

heading a national ticket.

It was probably, indeed, his rueful acknowledgement of this defect in his make-up as a politician which caused him barely to hesitate when in April 1980 he was offered an alternative opportunity of executive service by becoming President Carter's Secretary of State. Again, however, the circumstances were hardly propitious. His predecessor at the State Department, Cyrus Vance, had just resigned in protest against the failure of the White House to consult him over the ill-fated desert raid (designed to rescue the US Iranian hostages); and, although Muskie asked for, and got, assurances that he would be allowed to be his own man - and not a just a front-of-house manager for Carter's National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski he must have foreseen that the chances were that he would play only a limited and lame-duck season at

The only thing, in fact, that could competence. Even though he eventuhave made sense of the appointment

and, indeed, justified the sacrifice ally became chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, he made his of Muskie's Senate seat (which went greatest impact as chairman of the Air and Water Pollution sub-committo his former executive assistant. George Mitchell) -- would have been if Jimmy Carter had gone on to secure a second term. But this was long before ecology became the fad of Left and Centre alike, carning the nickname of "Mr Clean". In 1965 he wrote the Water Quality Act. not something that was under Carter's control, still less Muskie's. If establishing the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration, and in 1967 he drafted legislation establish-ing regional clean air standards. His anyone, indeed, was calling the shots, it was Ayatollah Khomeini in Tchran who eventually decided to release the 52 American hostages on the very day biggest success came in 1966 when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated (and only after he had taken the oath, his speech on the model cities programme secured a 53-22 majority while Muskie still sat vainly waiting in the Senate for a measure all had for news in the State Department). assumed certain to be defeated. His nine-month period as the senior

Cabinet officer of the United States

may have provided an honourable

postscript to Muskie's public career:

but it hardly supplied it with an

upbeat ending. Edmund Sixtus Muskie was born

in Rumford, Maine, the son of a

Polish immigrant tailor who

anglicised his name from

Marciszewski. His career was a

classic example of the poor immi-

grant's son who makes good. Educat-

ed in the public high schools and at

Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, he

graduated cum laude in 1936, won a

scholarship to Cornell Law School

where he again graduated cum laude

in 1939, being admitted to practise at

the Massachusetts Bar that same year and in Maine the year after.

With America's entry into the war he enlisted in the US Navy and

served as an engineering officer in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres.

in 1946 he returned to practise law in

Waterville, Maine, and in 1948 he

was elected to the state legislature as

a member of the then small and

powerless Maine Democratic Party.

in so small a group he came very quickly to the fore, serving as floor

leader for the Democratic Party from

1950 to 1954 when the rising tide of

opposition to the rock-ribbed conser-

vatism of the Maine Republican

Party swept him into office as the first

Democratic Governor of Maine in

the history of the state. He made it his

iob to attract investment to the state.

and rapidly became its most popular

personality, being easily re-elected in

1956. In 1958 he successfully chal-

lenged the Republican incumbent for

In his 22 years in the Senate

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ready investing this role with a formality that was to become

part of the BBC legend.

Snagge, a stalwart man of

strong presence, fell without

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er have approved. Neverthe-

less, allied to a ready mind

and an appetite for technicali-

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He was also at home in

sport. In 1931 he gave his first

running commentary on the

Oxford v Cambridge Boat

Race, an event he was to make

his own. He had become dep-

uty head of Outside Broad-

casting before, in 1939, he was

promoted Director of Presen-

tation, at a moment when the

reliability of the BBC pro-

gramme schedules, taken for

granted in peace, was about to

become a buttress of national

morale in war. Snagge and his

staff bore a large share of responsibility for continuity in

the studio; as they did also for

coping with wartime hazards,

including those of instant im-

nation's very existence threat-

ened, the voices of the

newsreaders - unhurried, ar-

ticulate and unfailingly on

time - were awaited with an

expectancy, and listened to

with an attention which is

hardly imaginable to later

generations. Snagge would be

heard at critical junctures. As

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launched the famous series

War Report at the time of the

Normandy landings in 1944.

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for the big occasion.

Muskie earned a reputation second

his state's second Senate sent.

In general his voting record man-aged to secure the wholehearted approval of the traditional liberal organisations, Americans for Democratic Action and the AFL/ClO Committee on Political Education. while his cautious ruminative personality, his professional competence and his care for the interests of Maine industry maintained for him the support and respect of Middle America. There he was always recognised as a man who lived and worked by the ideals of honesty, hard work and independence, traditional to small-town society in America. It was the increasing public recognition of these qualities, highlighted by his deliberate rebuke of President Nixon's attempt in the 1970 mid-term elections to link his Democratic opponents with the radical lunatic fringe, which made him, however briefly, the 1972 front-runner for the

Democratic nomination. But he was never perhaps quite the straightforward character that even his backers took him to be. His personality was as complex as its political manifestations were simple. Beneath the courtesy and gentleness, for which he was famous, lurked a legendary volcanic temper. He drove his staff as hard as he drove himself. He was ill-at-ease with small-talk, absorbed by big issues and bored by frivolous, fussy details. He believed in frankness even when it might damage his cause, as in his famous rejection of the notion of having a black candidate for the vice-presidency, or in his comments on the failure of American liberalism to achieve any fundamental changes in American society since the New Deal.

In 1948 he married Jane F. Gray She survives him, together with their two sons and three daughters.

In the ensuing peace a voice so associated with tidings of

war bore something of the

burden of a receding past. But

he was the natural choice to

give the sound commentary

on the Coronation of Queen

Elizabeth II in 1953. In 1955

more people were still listen-

ing to his radio commentary

on the Boat Race than watched

It was this event that kept

him before the wider public in

his latter years. His coverage

was extended to its fiftieth

anniversary in 1980, not only

in recognition of his un-

matched experience and ex-

pertise, but also because he

had in some way become ins-

eparable from it in the minds

of many without specialised

interest in rowing. His style, if it bore echoes of an age that

was passing, did so without

affectation or pretension. A

rowing man himself, he still

gave more information about

what was going on in the boats than the public often gets. But

it was his humanity, unim-

paired to the last, that related him to the ordinary listener.

Even his verbal mishaps, in-

separable from live transmis-

sion, were relished by one and

After his retirement in 1965

Snagge did much freelance

work, often for charity. He

was a founder, and several

times chairman, of the Lords

Taverners. In 1972 he collabo-

rated with Michael Barsley in

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tage Years of Radio, a lively

account of earlier days

all, including himself.

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JOHN PAFFORD



John Pafford, Goldsmiths' Librarian of the University of London, 1945-67, died on March II aged 96. He was born in Bradford-on-Avon on March 6, 1900.

LIBRARIANS, particularly university librarians, have for decades had to tackle the problem of organising collections for research in the face of vastly increased numbers of publications and students, Jack Pafford became embroiled in this logistical problem early on in his career and, despite showing an aptitude for academic scholarship, remained at the forefront of the science of librarianship throughout his long life.

It could be said of him, as Pafford wrote of H. S. Foxwell - who had collected the Goldsmiths' Library of Economic Literature in the late 19th century — that he cared for books "as things", and loved handling them: "but much more than this, he was deeply concerned with cataloguing and arranging his library."

Born with the century, John Henry Pyle Pafford was edu-cated at Trowbridge High both scholar and sportsman. He enlisted in 1918 in the Inns of Court OTC, and was commissioned into The Wiltshire Regiment, but because of his poor hearing he was never sent to the trenches.

On demobilisation, he began his long association with the University of London and University College. Read-ing English under W. P. Ker and R. W. Chambers, he repaid his debt to both by his later bibliography of Ker and his work on the Arden edition of The Winter's Tale, for which he was awarded a doctorate.

He turned aside from his

first choice of an academic literary career and, after an assistantship in University College Library, became Librarian and tutor at Selly Oak Colleges in Birmingham. The award of a travelling scholarship to Europe enabled him to begin his series of investigations into librarianship abroad, an experience which led to his lasting commitment to inter-library co-operation -then still a struggling infant in most countries. Library Cooperation in Europe (1935), a dense but eminently useful book for librarians, emerged from his wanderings. In 1931 he was made sub-librarian at the National Central Library in London.

In 1936 he married Eileen. During the Second World War, Pafford was again dedaughter of H. P. Joscelyne. who died in 1980. He subsenied active service because of quently married Joan Wilson, his hearing. But he played an a former BBC colleague, who important role in setting up died in 1992. He had no Army libraries and in the children and is survived by a Army Education Scheme described in his pamphlet,

Books and Army Education (1946).

Appointed Goldsmiths' Librarian in the University of London in 1945, Pafford set about re-establishing the library on its return from evacuation. Under his direction it became one of the finest in a university with many fine collections. Pafford planned the published catalogue of the great Goldsmiths' Library of Economic Literature, and contributed the historical introduction to the first volume.

The many other special collections added during his librarianship are recorded in the tribute presented to him by the library staff on his 90th birthday. He brought in Sir Louis Sterling's remarkable collection of first editions with a grant to build appropriate accommodation, and persuaded individuals and societies to donate whole libraries, notably those for music, maps, and London.

He encouraged subject specialisation among the staff, with similar book groupings. The Open Lending Library, and the Depository Library at Egham were among results of his visit in 1947 to America and Canada. His use of the Bibliographic Classification of H. E. Bliss was a pioneering example to university librarians.

His appointment as library adviser to the Inter-Universities Council on Higher Education Overseas gave him the chance not only to give guidance to many new universities and their librarians, but also to add to the growing strengths of the University of London Library in the literature and history of other countries, notably of the Americas. The Elliot-Phelips library of Latin Americana, and the gift of the American Library from the United States Information Service, have been enhanced by the requent acquisition of the library of the Canadian High Commission.

To his staff Pafford was approachable, compassionate, often humorous; among friends and colleagues he inspired affection and admiration, and his advice. diffidently proffered, was never sought in vain. Despite working in London most of his professional life, he remained recognisably a Wiltshire man, never losing his native burr. and contributing on occasion nuggets of history to local magazines, from Spas and mineral waters to A medieval horseshoe and Hare shooting with a .22. In 1993, at the age of 93. he completed his last book. John Clavell. 1601-43: highwayman, author, lawyer,

In 1941 he married his wife Betty. She survives him, together with one of their two daughters.

JOHN SNAGGE

John Snagge, OBE. broadcaster, died on March 25 aged 91. He was born on May 8, 1904.

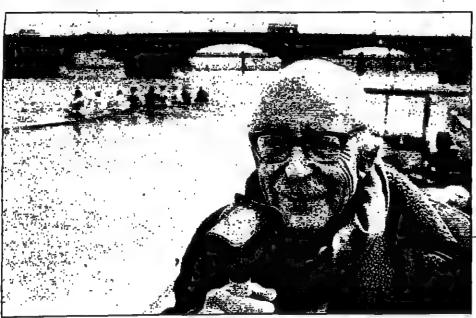
JOHN SNAGGE was one of the best-known of those announcers and commentators who rose to prominence on BBC radio before and during the Second World War. At the time of his retirement in 1965 his voice - not least through the Varsity Boat Race and his much imitated intonation of "In ... out ... in ... out" —

had been a familiar one to listeners for nearly forty years. He was Director of Presentation throughout the war years. and Head of Presentation (sound) until 1963. John Derrick Mordaunt

Snagge, eldest son of Sir Mordaunt Snagge, a County Court judge, was educated at Winchester and Pembroke College, Oxford. In 1924 he was appointed assistant at the Stoke-on-Trent relay station of the British Broadcasting Com-

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when "the wireless" was regarded as no more than a

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That same year he was ap-pointed OBE. brother.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA

M Gyo's programme for 1865 is extremely inviting. The details in full having already been published in our advertising columns, a very lew comments may suffice before the opening of the theatre, which is announced to take place tomorrow with Faust e Margherita.

Mr Gyo dwells with accountable emphasis on the fact that the late Meyerbeur's eagerly expected grand opera, l'Africaine will now at length be brought out at his establishment. Meyerbeur's predilection for the work, and his anxiety about the means to be obtained for its adequate performance, are generally known; and, indeed, it is the belief of many that his exertions in that direction, during his last visit to Paris, aggravated the malady which had been his enemy for many years and eventually hastened his death ... Happily there is one of scarcely less promise. We allude to the revival of Mozart's Il Flauto Magico, after a repose of 14 years. About the "cast" of the Africaine which includes the names of Mdile. Pauling Lucca, Madame Carvalho, Horren Wachtel and Schmid, Signori Graziani, Neri Baraldi. and Attri — we can of course offer no opinion, being unacquainted with the peculiar exi-gencies of the music; but for the effective distribution of characters in Mozart's imagi-

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The Royal Italian Opera Inow the Royal Opera Housel could regularly present 10 operas in a season as well as having "some 25 works ... available at a moment's notice".

native work we think we may safely vouch . . The Sarastro of Herr Schmid a Teuton pur sang, with a magnificent bass - may fairly be expected to rival that of Herr Formes: while Herr Wachtel - another Teuton pur sang ought to be intimately versed in the traditions of Parnino . . . We shall love, it is true, the "O care imagine" of Signor Mario; but in revenge we are promised that the still most graceful, dramatic, and eloquent of stage tenors will undertake the part of Era Diavolo, in the Italian version of that most genial and delightful of French comic operas . . . But there is still a fourth in contemplation - nay,

actually promised. We mean the revival of the greatest of all comic operas Mozart's incom-parable *Le Nozze di Figuro*. Here again we find the distribution of the *dramatis personae* unusually efficient. Adolin's l'atti brings a new argument in vindication of her oft proved versatility in the assumption of Susanna; the more sentimental and stately embodiment for the Countess Almamira devolves upon Madame Oarvalho; Cherubino falls to Mdile. Lucza. Among other operas proposed is L'Étoile du Nord, with what cast we are unable to gather. Next comes Linda di Chamounis. Then, the not unfamiliar Norma will introduce to an English audience a soprano with whose praises the Continent has long been ringing. Maddle. Lagrua having seceded, it was incumbent on Mr. Gyo either to re-enage Madame Grisi, or to find another lyric tragodisu ... The Huguenots and Guillaume Tell are naturally announced. Lucrezia Borgia -- with Mdlle. Galetti as Lucrezia, Mddle. do Ahna (from Berlin, another fresh acquisition) as Maffeo Orsini, and Signor Saccomanno (from Milan - yet another) as the Duke - follows in due course: but these with Un Ballo in Maschera, may speak for themselves. Le Prophète, however, is to be rendered freshly attractive by the appearance of Mddle. Fillipine de Edelsberg . . .

Interrogatories must be necessary Leicester Square is not 'premises'

Hali v Schaco Ltd Crompton v Sevalco Ltd Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls. Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Auld

Judgment March 21] Interrogatories were not to be regarded as a source of ammunition to be routinely discharged as part of an interlocutory hombardment preceding the main battle. They had to satisfy the stringent test in Order 26, rule 1(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, that they were "necessary either for disposing fairly of the cause or matter or for saving costs".

Where, therefore, in a personal injury action interrogatories were served shortly after the plaintiff had served his particulars of claim and medical report and before exchange of witness statements or receipt of answers to requests for further and better particulars, they were premature and covered available to the defendant. Accordingly they could not be shown to be

The Court of Appeal so stated (i) allowing appeals by the plaintiffs tions, David Hall and William Crompton, from Judge Weeks, QC, sitting at Bristol County Court, who had set aside

Stockinger and Others

Individuals wishing to become shareholders in a defunct statutory

company could not do so by

Mr Justice Laddle so held in the

Chancery Division on March 12, in

Stockinger and others from a

dated November 24, 1995, whereby

interrogatories served by the defendant in each case, Sevako Ltd, and had directed them to answer the interrogatories and (ii) reinstating the orders of the deputy

district judges.
Each plaintiff had begun proceedings in the county court claiming damages for industrial deafness against defendant employers and filing a medical report with the particulars of claim. In each case the defendant served its defence promptly, alleging that the claim was time-harred On the same date as the request

for further and better particulars was made, in Mr Hall's case, and as the defence and request for further and better particulars were served, in Mr Crompton's case, the defendant served interrogatories on each plaintiff designed to elicit all information relevant to the nature and actiology of the plaintiff's complaint. The interrogatories covered much the same ground as certain standard directions given by courts handling industrial deafness cases. After they were served, the defendant received answers to the request for further and better particulars in

Order 14, rule 11 of the County Court Rules 1981 applied the provisions of the Rules of the Supreme Court with regard to the

a shareholder, director or officer of

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administration of interrogatories to county court actions. Mr Nigel Cooksley for the thony Goldstaub, QC, for the

defendant in each action. THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, giving the judgment of the court, said that the guiding prin-ciple had to be that laid down in Order 26, rule I(I) that interrogarories had to be necessary either for disposing fairly of the cause or matter or for saving costs.

Necessity was a stringent test. It could not be necessary to interrogate to obtain information or admissions which were or were likely to be contained in pleadings, medical reports, discoverable documents or witness statements unless, exceptionally, a clear litigious purpose would be served by admissions on affidavil As a general statement the court

would agree with that in para-graph 11.6 of the Guide to nmercial Court Practice (see (vol 1, pi255, paragraph 72/Ai4)) and endorsed by Mr Justice Col-KDM International plc [1994] 2, interrogate (if at all) will probably be after discovery and after ex-

Bid to revive defunct statutory company fails Mr Stockinger, neither having any interest in the company nor

tain along parts of their banks a towing path for horses. HIS LORDSHIP said it was undisputed that for nearly a century and a half there had been no Company of Proprietors, no trea-

company established in 1809 by a being instructed on behalf of anyone who had, had simply declared himself a trustee, initilocal Act (49 Gen III Can 78) to make the Rivers Wye and Lugg navigable and to make and mainated a meeting such as true shareholders might have held and behaved as if it had; just as if he had lifted himself into the company's saddle by his own bootstraps. The National Rivers Authority

had been entitled to such declarations as would have the effect of

Sexual identity fixed at birth

Regina v Registrar General for England and Wales, Ex

Same v Same, Ex parte G The Registrar General had not acted irrationally in refusing to alter the birth certificates of applicants who had undergone gener re-assignment surgery so as to reflect their current sexual identity. The Queen's Bench Divisional Mr Justice Forbes) so held in a dismissing applications by P and

Registrar General's refusels in September 1994 and June 1995 to amend their birth certificates to show their sex as girl rather than

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that section 29(3) of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 permitted an error of fact or substance in a birth certificate to be corrected by an entry in the margin. The birth register was a historical record and not a statement of current identity.

uncertainty in scientific circles as to the cause of transexualism that the Registrar was fully entitled to adhere to the tests for ascertaining the sex of a child approved in Corbett v Corbett ([1971] P 83) and R v Tan (1983) 1 QB 1053).

None of the research material since the 23rd Colloquy on European Law in Amsterdam 1993 reasonably have been expected to be available to the Registrar when he made his

regarded as a source of ammunition to be routinely discharged as part of an interlocutory bombardment preceding the main

hattle. The interrogator had to be able to show that his interrogatories, if answered when served. would serve a clear bigious purpose by saving costs or promoting the fair and efficient conduct of the

In the Det Danske case Mr Justice Colman had given reliable guidance on the approach to interrogatories. Since the same rules applied in the Commercial Court as elsewhere his observations were not applicable only to The court could not accept that

the present interrogatories were not premature when they had been served on the same day as the request for further and better particulars and before the exchange of witness statements in ton's when the defence, request for further and better particulars and the interrogatories were all served

on the same day.

If it had been thought desirable to defer the obtaining and disclo-sure of expert evidence, that could probably have been agreed or a court order obtained. It was a valid objection to the interrogatories that they covered ground already covered in the pleadings and the medical reports and also the further and better particulars

when delivered.

The advantage, referred to by the judge, of having all the answers on one piece of paper could not justify the time and expense necessarily involved in requiring the plaintiffs to depose to was no material before the court to justify a challenge, which had not been made, to their honesty. It was not at all clear how the

interrogatories, assuming the requests for further and better were, and the witness statemen duly exchanged, would help the dant to decide wheth seek determination of a prelimi if it decided to do so, the interrogatories would accelerate the ordinary timetable

On the facts of the present cases, answers to the interrogatories would have added little or nothing of value to the knowledge the iterrogatories defendant already had or would gain from the plaintiffs' further and better particulars and witness statements; and the result would have been an increase of cost not a

The court felt bound to conclude that the defendant could not show that the interrogatories were necessary so as to bring itself within Order 26, rule I(I). Solicitors: Veale Washrough,

Bristol; Cartwrights, Bristol.

Interrogatories should not be Regina v Bow Street Magis-egarded as a source of ammu-trates' Court and Another, Ex under and in accordance with the parte McDonald terms of a ligator. . .

The provisions of the London

Government Act 1963, as amended

by the Greater London Council

[General Powers] Act 1984, for the

licensing of premises used for public entertainments were not

designed to apply to streets or other places to which the public

The Court of Appeal so held

granting Brono McDonald's application for judicial review of

the decision by Mr Romald Bartle,

metropolitan stipendiary mag-istrate at Bow Street, to great

rant empowering its officien to

enter and search premises at Lescester Square and forfeit equip-

ment belonging to Mr McDonald. In December 1994 Mr Justice

Dyson had refused the application but granted Mr McDonald leave

By paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 12 to the 1963 Act no "premises" shall be be used for "public dancing or

inster City Council a war-

Paragraph 1(7) of the Schedule Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord provides: "In this paragraph premises includes any place." Justice Shiemann and Sir Ralph Gilbuon (Judgment March 20)

Mr Charles Salter for the applicant; Mr Timothy Spencer for A busker playing his guitar in the council; Bow Street Mag-Leicester Square was not required istrates' Court did not appear and to obtain a licence from the council was not represented. to do so and was not acting

LORD JUSTICE SHIEMANN said that the appeal raised questions of importance to buskers in London. Depending on the tastes of the hearer and skill of the busker, their activities could add or detract from the pleasures of daily life. They had been playing music for years in the streets of

because none of them had a ficence. The council had tolerated them for years but, it seemed, had now concluded that they ought to he licensed and that the 1963 Act It was an oddity of the case that

The council maintained that

if the council was right, it had itself been guilty of persistently break-ing the law by tolerating buskers The applicant was accustomed

to play his guitar on roughly the same spot in Leicester Square and Leicester Soutare was properly

described as "premises" for the purposes of Schedule 12.

For the council it was pointed out that "premises" included "any place and it was submitted that Leicester Square, and any London street, could thus be described as premises. Mr Justice Dyson had

agreed with the council. Mr Spencer had accepted that Schedule 12 was not intended to make licenseable the activities of a Pied Piper who moved from place to place. It was, he said, confined to any area capable of

demarcation". But such a test was inappropriate in the content of applying criminal sanctions. Something more was required.

Thus, Mr Spencer said, relying on Powell v Kempton Park Racecourse Co Ltd ([1899] AC 143, HL), a place was to be confined to an area which was regularly used by the applicant for his music However, neither that case nor

others under the Shops Act 1950 were helpful in the instant exercise The council accepted that the 1963 Act was not framed with buskers in mind. It clearly was not Schedule 12 was concerned with the control of premises to which the public was invited for public

It was not designed to deal with situations going on in a street to

One music maker could replace another at an attractive spot and the schedule did not envisage situations in which several persons

were licensed during one day to operate in one place. It was not known whether Mr McDonald had Leicester Square to himelf. One rather doubted it. Yes it was Leicester Square which was alleged to constitute the premises

which should have been licensed Mr McDonald was playing his guitar in a public place to which the public had access and over which the council had immuneable powers. That was not a situation for which Schedule 12: was designed, or which should be interpreted, to cover.

The wholly artificial way which the council tried to use its powers to secure a warrant inobtain a right of entry to a place in its own ownership, and to enter which it had no need of sho warrant, made the point.

If there was a need for more controls than the council currently rad then specific legislation should be passed giving those powers. The schedule, by dint of stretchir normal application, could not be used to assert the existence of a criminal offence which had hitherto been unsuspected.

Lord Justice Nourse and Str. Rainh Gibson agreed. Solicitors: Wilson Barca; Mr

Extra protection from date of first licence

In re Akticholaget Draco Being Mr Justice Jacob

Judgment March 14I When a petent holder obtained a product licence for a medicina oduct which was then the subject of further research leading to the grant of a further product licence the same chemical compound, any entitlement to a five-year supple only from the date of the first product licence and not from the SUCT OTHER

The supplementary protection scheme under Regulation No EEC/1768/92 (OJ 1992 No L182/2) was not for the general protection of the fruits of research but to compensate for lost time in the

Mr Justice Jacob sitting in the Chancery Division so held when dismissing an appeal by the patent holders, Akticbolaget Draco, of Sweden, from a decision of Mr L. Lewis, a principal examiner, acting for the Comptroller of Patents. ng to grant the patent hold-

Mr David Young, QC, for the

Silverleaf for the Comptroller.

MR JUSTICE JACOB said that for 20 years from 1973 the patent holders had a UK patent co a chemical compound with the approved name of Budesonide. It reduced lung inflammation and was used in the treatment of A medicine could not be sold

unless it had a product licence and terms of that licence. It might take several years after being granted the patent to obtain a product licence, the appropriate authorities having to be satisfied of the medicine's safety and efficacy.

Product licences did not relate to chemical compounds as such but were much more specific about formulation and presentation of patent holders obtained a product licence ("PLI") for "Budesonide aerosol, with or without tube

They did further research with the aim of finding an improved method which did not involve an aemsol. In June 1990 they obtained a new product licence ("PL3") for a aler, described as a "dry recognised by the supplementary protection certificate scheme that earch in the drug field was not getting its proper reward.

ng or music of entertainment

was 20 years, it was taking so long to get through the necessary procedures leading to authorisation to sell a drug that the practical period of protection was often too short. The basic idea of the scheme was

that where a patent holder of a medicine had lost time in obtaining his authorisation, he could get a further period of protection subject to a maximum of five years, by the grant of a supplementary The patent holders applied for a

supplementary protection certifi-cate for the maximum term of five years for "additive-free onlide in the form of agglomerated micronised particles" saying that the first authorisation for the product was PL3. The principal examiner held at the first authorization was not

mentary protection scheme could The first five recitals of the regulations inidicated the importance of research and the need

PL3 but PLI so that no supple

to encourage it so that it continued

relied on those recitals and said the turbohaler formulation was the to be protected.

His Lordship did not agree. He said that the research leading to the turbohaler was formulation research. There was nothing indicating that formulation research, unless it warranted its own patent, was to be protected by the supple-mentary protection certificate

The scheme was not for the protection of the fruits of research. it was to compensate for the lost tions which were patented. The research leading to PL3 clearly could not lead to an supplementary protection certificate.

His Lordship said that on its face the regulation was so clear that any court in any other EU member Court of Justice would find in the same way. Since the hearing officer's decision was not only right but was so clearly right as to be acte claire, there was no need to make a reference to the European Court of Justice.

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Woman's Hour has thrived for 50 years by maintaining a balance between radical feminism and unapologetic domesticity

n next Friday's Woman's Hour Jenni Murray, the main presenter for nine years, will pick up the Broadcast-ing Press Guild award for Radio Broadcaster of the Year. She wins not only for consistent intelligence. news sense, imagination and stumina — broadcasting live for four mornings a week - but also for the remarkable quality of her voice. In my long and unsuccessful efforts to sound less "backwoods Massachusetts", I have often thought that, born again, I would

come back as Jenni Murray. The wheel has come full circle since 1946. Now, as then, there is no need to justify a programme dedicated to the female point of view. The separateness of the sexes, and the conflict between them, now seems to fill more newspaper and broadcasting space than politics and economics. No longer do you hear men sneering: "So why not a Man's Hour, then?" In today's media you can't get away from male angst. from impotence to baldness.

Give truck drivers their hour back So Woman's Hour's agenda is feminist-combative for those who clear: the topical and the timeless, would prefer every woman to be the public and the personal, Mon-day's interview with Susan Sarandon about the political uses pruning roses waiting for the breadwinner to come home. It was

programme today, suggests Paul Donovan, radio critic of *The* Sunday Times, you wouldn't call domestic. Its survival is proof of its successful balance — abortion rights one minute. Agas the next. it Woman's Hour, would you?" The shifting of Woman's Hour No, you'd call it The Girlie Show, in 1991 from its traditional 2pm slot to 10.30am was a national trauma. Articles in the press and and you'd get the same result women saying what they don't say elsewhere and men tuning in to sacks of letters begged Michael hear it. But in 50 years from now, Green, then Controller of Radio 4. Channel 4 will not be celebrating not to do it. He did it anyway, for The Girlie Show. While Woman's doctrinal reasons. Radio 4 midmorning audiences showed a sag Hour may recognise shoplifting as a women's problem, it will not tell and a lively, topical magazine programme seemed the way to lift Woman's Hour has a lot of

ever thus. Since the beginning the

programme has been lambasted

as impossibly radical or laughably

So it has done, but not by very much. The daily audience is mod-Channel 4. Its tone is far too estly bigger at 600,000 (instead of



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500,000). And, yes, more men are listening - but not very many more. The sex ratio in 1991 was 70-30, now it is 65-35.

What better way to celebrate the golden anniversary than by admitting that these gains are paltry and by moving the programme back to its original time slot? Oh, but it would lose the new audience. Oh no it won't, to judge from a truck

driver's lament on another Radio 4 programme, The Trade Rag, last week: "A great tragedy for British working truck drivers was when Woman's Hour was altered to 10.30 in the morning. That's no use to anyone. In the morning, you're getting in and out of the cab, delivering the goods ... In the afternoon we're running back, and there's a chance to relax and listen to Woman's Hour."

The original justification for the time slot was that 2pm was the one hour of the day that a 1946 housewife could call her own — the dishes and cleaning done, the baby put down for a nap and the older children not yet home from school.

That reasoning, with appropriate modifications, still holds. Jenni Murray (although not complaining about having to get up early) fears that, by going out in the morning, the programme now

constituency - women who work part-time. Many of these get home just after lunch and have an hour to themselves before they collect their children from school. This

Woman's Hour's natural time is still the early afternoon if only because one of the few stable things in a changing society is the closing time of the school day.

pattern applies to work-at-home

thers too.

Viftieth anniversaries abound this year as the BBC celebrates its postwar innova-tions, including Alistair Cooke's Letter from America and the Third Programme. Its Russian Service is a third. On Monday night, coming straight to its celebration party from the Campaign for Freedom of Information's award ceremony for those who have fought against the British habit of official secrecy, I was refreshed to hear a reminder of government doing something in favour of openness.

In 1946 Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, head of information at the Foreign Office, launched the service in the hope it would broadcast into the Soviet Union "the true proportion both of favourable and unfavourable opinion". This sense of proportion, and the Foreign Office's trust in the BBC to deliver it, saved the Russian Service from turning into "Cold War Radio", as its American counterparts did. Perhaps the FO should get a freedom of information award.

And finally, all the excitement about the V-chip has invested it with magical powers to bleep out the offensive words and scenes of a parent's choosing. Nothing like. The V-chip, as about to be introduced in Canada and the United States, blocks out whole programmes, not just the naughty bits. What it should really be called is a ratings system, but there are

A very public divorce

Did South Africa feast too richly on the Mandela split, asks

Ray Kennedy

¶he South African Divorce Act, as amended in 1979, is perfectly explicit: it is illegal to publish any particulars of an action other than the names of the parties and the judgment or order of the court. In the case of President Nelson Mandela and his former wife, Winnie Mdikizela-Mandela, as she now wishes to be known, the media reported every salacious detail of bedroom snubs, adultery and alleged wifely extravagance.

Since then there has been a collective beating of editorial breasts over whether or not, in a case involving two promineat public figures, there was justification to ignore the law. Mi Justice Eloff, who heard the case and is also Judge President of Transvaal, did not raise objections at the hearing in Johannesburg, although he had ample opportunity to do

A member of Mr Mandela's legal team said: "No one from our side raised any objection. The publicity would have done him more harm if the trial.[sic] was held in secret."

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The central issue is whether the restrictions imposed by the Divorce Act are unconstitutional in South Africa's postapartheid climate and in the light of the Government's support for press freedom and freedom of expression enshrined in a Bill of Rights.



Despite constitutional restrictions, lurid details of the Mandelas' divorce hearing were splashed across the press

Professor Dennis Davies, a the University of Witwatersrand, found it "unbelievable" that the restrictions were breached so brazenly. "Being President gives you a reduced right to privacy, but it can't possibly destroy your privacy completely." Professor Davies said. "He might be the most famous person in the world, but he is not public property."

But Raymond Louw, former Editor of the Rand Daily Mail, until its demise in the early 1980s an opponent of apartheid, thought it was a risk that went with the job. Mr Louw, now chairman of the Freedom of Expression Insti-

tute, a constitutional lobbying constitutional law specialist at -body, was part of a delegation that approached the Government in 1979, when the Divorce Act amendments were enacted, to protest that they were being introduced to hide potentially important informa-tion from the public. Mr Louw said: "I feel sympathy for the President that his private life has to be bandled about in public . . . but this is the price one pays for democracy. The scrutiny of public fig-

ures in South Africa has been turned on its head by a ruling in the Constitutional Court last month in which Mr Justice Cameron overturned an Appeal Court judgment against a newspaper for defamation. General Bantu Holomisa, a junior minister. was alleged to have been involved in infiltrating armed men into northern KwaZulu/ Natal "to kill whites" in 1994 when he ruled the former

Transkei homeland. Judge Cameron said a successful democracy depended on "robust criticism of the exercise of power", which required alert citizens as well as an independent media. Anyone who sought to inhibit political speech by suing for defamation should have to prove that the media had forfeited entitlement to constitutional protection" even if the published information turned out to be false.

His ruling effectively set a new benchmark for litigation by public figures learning toprinciple in the United States that a democracy cannot flourish unless its citizens are free to criticise officials. He said the judgment was based on a legal system that "did not treasure at its core a democratic system". The country's new values of legal order depended on "vigorous mechan-isms of public scrutiny and public debate, not only to

> 'This is the price that one has to pay for democracy'

nurture the new structures but to guard against excesses in their exercise". After it came to power in May 1994, pledging transparent government, the African National Congress enjoyed a long honeymoon with a South African press that had en-

carried threats of fines of up to 20,000 rand (about £3,300) or ten years in jail for contravening media restrictions. But many of the ANC's office bearers, during years of exile in dictatorial African states or behind the Iron Curtain, have had experience of societies where freedom of expression was severely limit-

> attention turns to issues such as the Government's housing record - far behind the promised one million new homes in five years — the severe crime wave and the extravagance of some of the new elite. There are also concerns about the media's ownership

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structure, which President Mandela has noted is "not only concentrated in a few hands but reflects the patterns of racial exclusion characteristic of the apartheid era".

Many of the apartheid-era laws restricting press freedom and access to information remain on the statute book, although they are now almost totally ignored. Mr Louw suspects that the Government wants to retain them. But he concedes that, while editorship is still a legal minefield, the bombs go off less often.

Alan Mitchell looks at a new way of buying our food

SAINSBURY'S is planning to revolu-tionise the way people shop by delivering groceries straight to customers' homes. The country's secondbiggest supermarket chain is negotiating with Supermarket Direct, a Londonbased home shopping firm, to co-brand its operation as a Sains-

bury-endorsed service. The venture has been operating in the Wimbledon, Putney, Fulham and Clapham areas of south London since last October. The plan is for nationwide expansion, and a stock market flotation in two to three years' time. Dominic Scott-Flanagan, a director, says: "We believe that once consumers have shopped with us they will never want to visit

a busy supermarket again." Home delivery of items from pizzas to personal computers is burgeoning as consumers seek added convenience. But the delivery of the weekly food shop has been dismissed as a non-starter. Taking orders over the phone. processing them and organising temperature-controlled deliveries is expensive. Richard Chadwick, Sainsbury's business development director, says: "There will always be people who want to come in, or who won't trust home-

Now the tide is turning as small London ventures such as Supermarket Direct and Food Ferry prove that enough consumers are prepared to nay an extra £5 or so to avoid the weekly supermarket pil-grimage. Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis, a Food Ferry director says: "Food Ferry is growing at 30 per cent a year. There is huge public demand, and it is going to keep growing as our cities become more crowded." Mr Chadwick says Sainsbury's long-term estimate is

Don't go shopping, let it come to you

> to 10 per cent of the UK's £80 billion food market.

Now, having spent billions of pounds building superstores over the past decade, the grocery chains' viability rests on their ability to maintain their magnetism. Even a loss of 5 per cent - Sainsbury's lower estimate for the market - could transform superstores into white elephants. Early adopters of home

delivery are likely to be dual-... AND 24 TINS BEST MIDDLE CUT SALMON ... HOME

mutte income professional couples with children, families prepared to pay big margins on expensive food and drink for the privilege of having it delivered to their door. These people are so profitable that a superstore with 20,000 regular customers faces losing 10 per cent of its total profits if just 200 of them disappear. That has been the experithat home delivery will gain 5 ence in America, where

Peapod, the leader in the home-shopping field, counts 60 per cent of its customers as dual-income families with children. The big shift, however, will take place only when "door-drop density" reaches a point where it actually becomes ect to the home.

The supermarkets have an interest in delaying that day as long as possible. While Sainsbury's ponders closer links with Supermarket Direct, it has no financial links with the firm. Tesco has started delivering the weekly shop to clients of Ealing social services, and has a long-standing direct-delivery service for wine, flowers and hampers. But what both companies are really looking for are ways that keep shoppers coming to their stores.

One alternative to home delivery is office delivery. Another is petrol station delivery: have your weekly staples loaded into your car while filling up at your supermarket petrol station. Or else have your order for regular items such as potatoes, milk, butter, baked beans and petfood prepacked and waiting for you at the store. Then spend a shorter but more enjoyable shopping time choosing the more exciting items. Marks & Spencer is experi-

menting with a different twist: allow people to choose and pay for their goods during their lunch hours and have them delivered to their homes later that day, for a fee of £5. As their most profitable consumers may desert them, the big retail chains will have no choice, says Mr Scott-Flanagan, but to offer home delivery. Meanwhile, Kevin Duffill, operations director at Andersen Consulting's Smart Store project, says they will do their best to provide more reasons to go to supermarkets.

THE TIMES Take two children FREE to a Tussauds attraction



The Times, in association with Tussauds Group, offers readers a chance to take two children, in April (excluding Easter 5-8 inclusive) and May, free to any of Tussauds' eight

attractions saving up to £26. Full details appeared in Saturday's Times, but the following are the attractions you can enjoy, with the amount you would save off the price of tickets for two children in brackets: Chessington World of Adventures (save E26): Alton Towers (save £26): Madame Tussaud's (save £11.50): The London Planetarium (save £7.20); Warwick Castle (save £10.50); Rock Circus (save £11.90); Port Aventura, Spain (save £32);

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THE TOKEN FOUR

Death in the afternoon

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THE afternoon is about to become the new battle ground for terrestrial teledra Frean writes.

vision audiences, Alexan-Channel 5, the nation's fifth free-to-air channel which is due to launch to 70 per cent of the country next

as one of the most vulnerable areas in the main broadcasters' schedules, which have consistently faile live up to expectations.

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Mass cull of cattle in prospect

■ The Government was last night seriously considering the large-scale destruction of cattle as European veterinary officials upheld their plans for a world ban.

A National Farmers' Union scheme involves incinerating more than 800,000 animals a year, mainly from dairy herds, and would cost as much as £700 million in compensation. Up to 16,000 a week would be culled and their carcasses destroyed

Mafia linked to infected meat

■ Italian complacency over "mad cow" disease turned to alarm as another case of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease surfaced and there were fears that the Mafia may have sold infected cattle. A carabineri "anti-adulteration unit" impounded shipments of British beef in Sardinia and Turin

Cambodia kidnap

Christopher Howes, a British charity worker kidnapped at gunpoint in northwest Cambodia, was believed to have been seized by a breakaway faction of the Khmer Rouge ..

Scott in row

Sir Richard Scott is embroiled with Whitehall over plans to publish thousands of confidential Government documents which he examined in the course of his arms-to-Iraq inquiry...... Page 2 Sword evidence

A cavalry sword, probably used to decapitate one of his victims. linked an Australian roadworker to the murders of seven tourists. the "backpacker trial" in Sydney .Page 3

Bypass go-slow

The Newbury bypass could be further delayed while conservation experts think what to do with Desmoulin's Whorl, a snail the size of a breadcrumb Page 3

Forces ferries

Two roll-on, roll-off ferries are to be bought for the Armed Forces as part of a £150 million package to boost their rapid deployment capability... ... Page 5

Royal slip

Buckingham Palace blamed a computer error for the Queen's failure to deliver a key part of her speech, about Polish Jews, to the

Healthy nation

Britons are not only living longer but are staying healthier in old age. Although the population is growing older, there is no increase in the proportion of depen-

Violent crime up

Violent crime and robberies increased last year in spite of the third consecutive annual overall drop in recorded offences in England and Wales, by 2.4 per cent to 5.123.000 . .. Page 7

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Britons triumphed at the Oscars with Emma Thompson (Sense and Sensibility screenplay) and Nick Park (creator of Wallace and Gromit) making cinematic ... Pages 9, 17, 19

Hong Kong pressure China has told senior Hong Kong civil servants that they must demonstrate their support for the Peking-appointed Provisional Legislative Council Page 12

Back to his roots

Bob Dole made an emotional return to his birthplace of Russell, Kansas, as he was cementing the Republican nomination in the California primary Page 13

Bosnia warning

Western diplomats say that unless the ceasefire in Bosnia is stabilised, the elections planned for this autumn may be post-

Cyber cheating comes to Scotland

■ Up to 20,000 candidates for Scotland's Higher Grade mathematics examination, which is used for university entrance, can read the answers to the coursework section on the Internet. There is no time for the Scottish Examination Board to issue new topics and it said it would not scrap the questions,



A toy pig joins the winners of the best visual effects Oscar. Their film "Babe" is about a talking pig that wants to be a sheepdog

Railtrack: The Government said that it is aiming to float the company that owns 10,000 miles of track and 2.500 stations in the first half of May Page 25

Hallface Britain's largest building society made £1.1 billion in the year to end January after charging £113 million for the cost of merging with the Leeds PermanentPage 25

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21.0 points to close at 3660.9. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 83.3 to 83.2 after a fall from \$1.5240 to \$1.5222 and from DM2.2517 to DM2.2465....Page 28

Football: England have made four changes from the side which drew

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Cricket: David Lloyd and John

Emburey remain the favourites to be appointed coach to the England team this summer. A new management structure will be created before the winter tour Page 48 Drugs in aport: The director general of the Sports Council is optimistic that high-resolution drugtesting apparatus will soon become

available in Britain Page 44 Recing: A change in entry rules for the Royal Artillery Gold Cup at Sandown Park enabled the Queen Mother to enjoy her 413th success as an owner.

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Job fears: With the polls suggesting that insecurity at work worries the British more than anything else, Jimmy Murphy's new play. Brothers of the Brush, is undoubtedly timely.

Dancing delight: Cinderella is treated to a splendid ball in English National Ballet's superb new staging by Michael Corder at the

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Couch comfort: Susie Orbach on why psychotherapy is not a soft

on why a squire and his wife are swapping suburbia for an old, cold. damp family pile...

and her customers are celebrating ten years of understated dressing for women on the move Page 16

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Moving out: Why high street firms

can media brazenly breached the law to report every detail of the Mandela divorce.....

\$615,000 to the Democratic Party and \$5,750 to the Republicans. They fear a Republican government would try to impose "censorship". To them, Bob Dole's speech criticising Hollywood's values is probably "censorship". Candidate Clinton will also criticise those values but the smart money in Hollywood knows where its interests

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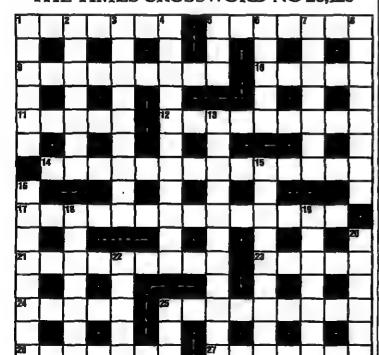
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9 Confusing sin with virtue can be disturbing (9). 10 Murder victim found beside root of elm tree (5).

11 Some tear this, making a hole (5). 12 Immediately caught leaving charming woman by river (9). 14 Description of intriguing garment with ragged pieces (5-3-6).

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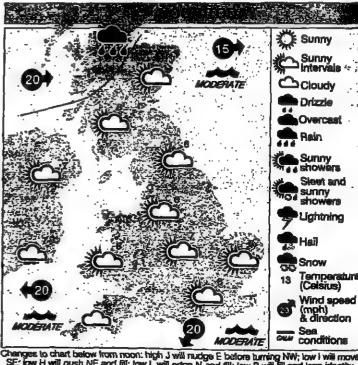
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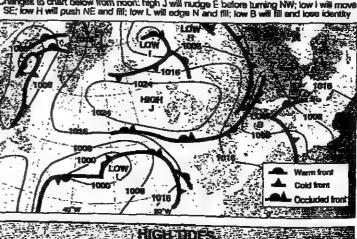
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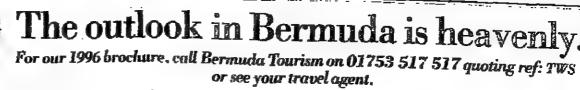




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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27 1996

Sir Rocco adds to his team

SIR ROCCO FORTE yesterday signalled his con-tinued interest in bidding for the luxury hotel chain he lost to Granada by appointing a finance direcfor to his acquisition team (Eric Reguly writes).

He is David Pascall, 47, ho was finance director of the money and securities broking arm of MAI, the financial services and media company that recently agreed to merger with Uni-ted News and Media.

Mr Pascall is Sir Rocco's third appointment. The others are David Stevens, the former legal director of the Forte hotels group, who is now Sir Rocco's commercial director, and Richard Power, Forte's former communications director, who is director of business support on the

The group is to bid for the chain of Meridien and



Lord Sterling said the aim was to raise returns to in excess of 15 per cent over three years and businesses unable to reach the target would be shed

Share shop doors open for Railtrack sell-off

the first stock market such as British Telecom. ised industry for five shops began accepting

registrations for the £1.8 billion flocation of Railtrack. The sale, which represents the most important single component of rail privatisation, will transfer ownership of 10,000 route miles of track, 40,000 tunnels, viaducts and bridges and 2,500 stations to the private sector. The flotation will take place in the first

The last stock market sale of a state-owned industry was in 1991 when the electricity generators were sold. Since then, privatisation issues have been of regionally based companies or of second and third tranches of shares in companies aiready

years will be published on April 15. yesterday when 10,000 share About five million pamphiets giving basic information about the company have been sent to households that registered for previous privatisations.

> and marketing campaign for the sale is being kept low key because the Government's advisers believe that the public is now highly familiar with the privatisation process.

They also fear there will only be limited enthusiasm for the sale from the public because of the complex structure of of rail privatisation and have deliberately pitched the campaign more at experienced

The £5 million advertising

James Sassoon, managing director of SBC Warburg.

don't have to think very much

THE Government launched largely in the private sector which has been advising the entitled to discounts and other

about how and where to register for shares. There's nothing new, it's simple, you just have to go along to your high street share shop." About a third of the

Railtrack shares are expected to be offered to private investors, with the remainder sold to City and international institutions in the flotation.

Investors will be able to take up their allocation in two tranches, with a maximum application of up to about £700 to £800. Those who register with share shops will be

Government on the sale, incentives on their second ability on political decisions said:"It's now very easy, you tranche allocation. SBC Warburg has signed up 110 banks. building societies, brokers and other intermediaries to accept registrations for the privatisation. There will be no central share information office as in previous privatisations.

Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, said: "With the share shop network in place and with registration now under way, we are confident the broad structure of the offer which we have outlined today will help attract a strong level of interest from retail

investors across the country." Brian Wilson, Labour's railway spokesman, said: "Investors should understand that this is a high-risk bet in every

He added: "Railtrack is

to open in Australia MARKS & SPENCER plans

to open 18 stores in Australia, with the first outlet trading by Christmas 1997 (Rachel Bridge writes from Sydney). M&S is now searching in key retail centres, including Sydney and Melbourne, and is conducting detailed research into the

M&S plans

It is understood M&S is looking for small retail outlets of up to 2,500 square metres. compared with its UK stores of up to 20,000 square metres. Planned total investment could aproach A\$200 million (£101.5 million).

A spokesman for Marks &

Spencer in London said: When we research a new market we research it thoroughly and we are in the middle of that process."

P&O to raise £lbn via sales

BY CARL MORTISHED

P&O, the shipping, construction and property group, plans to raise up to £1 billion over the next three years. P&O plans to float Bovis Homes, the housebuilding division, next year and £500 million will be shed from the group's huge investment property cortfolio before the end of 1998. Further funds are expected to be released from P&O's bulk shipping business.

The surprise disposals announcement came as P&O revealed a fall in pre-tax profits from £349 million to £320 million including a sharp dedine in profits from P&O Containers and the cross-channel ferries business which is suffering from the impact of Eurotunnel. The dividend is

held at 30.5p for the year. Lord Sterling, P&O's chairman, yesterday said the company should be able to meet all its capital expenditure needs and pay an increasing dividend from its businesses. To achieve that, he said the return on capital would have to be raised from last year's level of Il per cent. "We want a return on capital employed across our operating divisions in excess of 15 per cent," he said.

Lord Sterling said the aim was to raise the return over three years and businesses unable to reach the target would be shed. He said that consolidation in the container shipping market would help P&O. but added: "The return from containers is totally inadequate. If we cannot see a way to get an acceptable return, it

will leave the group," he said. P&O is expected to ask the Government for release from undertakings not to collaborate with competitors on cross Channel ferry routes. Lord Sterling said there was no longer justification for them with Eurotunnel controlling half of the market. Profits at P&O Ferries fell from £114 million to £75 million in 1995.

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Slower growth

Britain's economy grew by 2.5 per cent in 1995, slightly slower than originally forecast, but the current according to official Central Statistical Office figures for the year. Page 26

Mapping out

Charter, the industrial products company, said it was what it described as a "market-leading industrial business" for about £250 million. The company has looked at a number of options. Page 30, Tempus 28

Halifax plans big giveaway

HALIFAX, the UK's largest building society, yesterday confirmed that it is on course to become one of the country's top 20 companies with a valuation of about £10 billion when it makes its stock market debut in the summer of 1997. About nine million qualifying savers and borrowers can now expect to receive an average of at least £600 worth of free shares. The special

general meeting for members

to approve the conversion to

banking status should take place next February. Mike Blackburn, chief executive of the Halifax, which yesterday reported a 13 per cent rise in annual profits to have the largest shareholder register in the UK and this is possibly the biggest giveaway



Blackburn: £10bn value in terms of value in the history

of the world." Mr Blackburn said that over the next couple of years the Halifax, which has a 19 per cent share of the UK mortgage market on net lending of £2.9 billion, would seek to increase the group's income from nonannouncement of the society's proposed £800 million takeover of Clerical Medical, the insurer, was part of a strategy to increase market share in pensions, new life and unit trust business and possibly

long-term health care policies.
Administrative expenses rose to £968.9 millión from £780.6 million in 1994, reflecting the enlarged group after the merger with the Leeds Permanent Building Society last August. A further £112 million was set aside as an exceptional item.

Mr Blackburn now believes that the 1996 Halifax housing market forecast for house prices to rise 2 per cent and transactions 10 per cent may be on the conservative side.

MPs say jobless data is inadequate

BY PHILLIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE monthly unemployment figures are a "completely inadequate" measure of the numall-party committee of MPs said yesterday as it called on ministers to publish a much wider range of job figures.

tral Statistical Office proposals to add a survey-based measure of unemployment to its monthly count of people out of work and claiming benefit, and the Commons Employment Select Committee yesterday said that a monthly survey would improve the current method.

In its final report after being

ment departments, the Torydominated employment committee said that, although the monthly claimant count is useful, it should not have been allowed to become the only measure of unemployment. Because a claimant count is subject to changes in the social security system, it was an "un-

wholly dependent for profit-

about the level of subsidies. It

commands minimal confi-

dence or respect on the basis of

its performance so far. People

will not be in a position to complain if they dabble in this

flotation and then get their

Labour is expected to an-

Railtrack made a pre-tax

nounce later this week wheth-

er it would renationalise

profit of £98 million in the six

months to end-September last

year on turnover of £1.14 billion. It has had about £1

billion of government debt written off, leaving it with

borrowings of about £600 million. Its flotation value is

expected to place it on the brink of the FT-SE 100.

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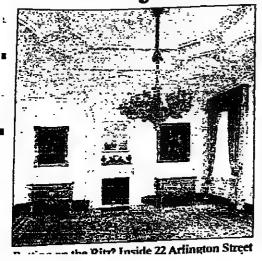
satisfactory" measure.
The MPs supported a CSO

Ministers are studying Cen-

Pennington, page 27 | wound up following the merger City Diary, page 29 | of the education and employ-

proposal that ministers introduce, alongside the claimant count, a monthly version of the unemployment measure in the Government's quarterly Labour Force Survey - a sample of 60,000 households that produces internationally recognised data, - and that a range of LFS data be issued.

· Barclay Brothers seek more room at the top



THE Barday brothers, the reclusive identical twins who own the Ritz Hotel in London, have offered to buy the historic William Kent

It is thought they would like to use the mansion to increase the hotel's Eagle Star, the insurance group owned by BAT Industries, has re-

house that stands next to the Ritz.

jected the approach. The property was not officially for sale and the brothers' offering price was not high enough to convince Threadneedle Property. the BAT division that manages the house for Eagle Star, to recom-

mend acceptance. The brothers, who also own the

Scotsman and European newspapers, never comment to the press and it is not known whether they are considering a higher price.

The Barclays bought the Ritz last October from Trafalgar House for £75 million. The 90-year-old propcrty has 130 bedrooms, making it relatively small by five-star hotel standards, but has planning per-

mission for 23 extra rooms. With little space left in the Ritz, the Barclays have been looking for a neighbouring property.

The William Kent house, whose

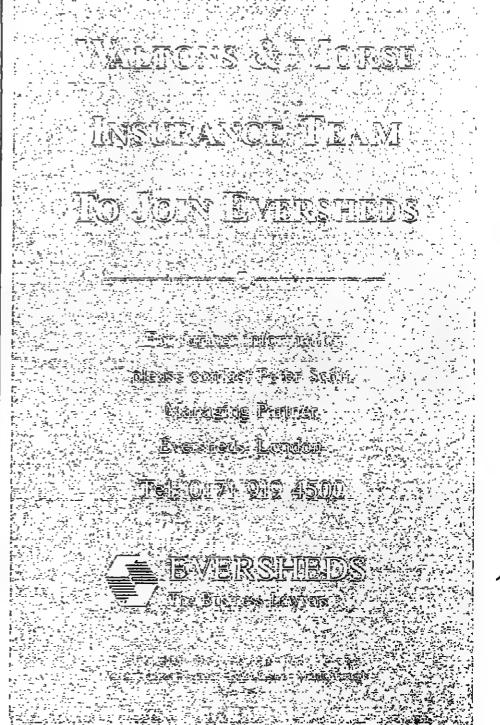
address is 22 Arlington Street, was designed by William Kent, a pioneer in Neo-Palladianism and an instigator of the Gothic Revival,

in 1740. It was occupied over the centuries by a succession of granders, starting with Henry Pelham,

The house, which is best known for its salon, hung with crimson damask and consisting of mytho-logical figures, is considered one of the finest interiors in London.

Eagle Star bought William Kent house for £250,000 just after the Second World War, and now uses it for conferences, corporate entertainment and as its West End

The company would not reveal its estimate for the house's current



Old-style names put demands to Lloyd's

By Sarah Bagnall

THE dwindling ranks of traditional names at Lloyd's of London are demanding a bill of rights to prevent discrimination and to give protection similar to that of shareholders in listed companies.

Names' representatives fear that traditional names will be sidelined and disadvantaged by actions of managing agents in the future. That is assuming that names accept a £2.8 billion settlement package.

The Association Lloyds' Members and the High Premium Group, influential bodies. have drawn up a bill of rights that is to be put to the insurance market's regulatory board. The sixpoint bill has been com-piled with the support of two leading members' agencies. Willis Faber & Dumas and Christie Brockbank Shipton.

Christie's managing director. Charles Harbord-Hamond, said: "This is the first real test of the new regulatory regime to see wether the interests of names are protected rather than the preferences of the managing agents."

The names are concerned that some managing agents are able to benefit from insider knowledge. The names' bill of rights also demands that mergers of a syndicate require approval by a majority of names and that managing agents should no longer be allowed to reject for no reason, a name's request to join a syndicate. Names want to ensure they have equal rights to subscribe for syndicate vacancies.

If their demands are not met, the names plan to introduce a resolution at Lloyd's annual meeting. on July 15.

UK economy grew 2.5% during 1995

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

THE British economy grew by 2.5 per cent last year, slightly less than 2.6 per cent previously estimated, while the current account deficit widened by far more than expected, largely due to record payments to the European Union, according to figures released by the Central Statistical Office.

Growth in gross domestic product was left unchanged from the most recent estimate at 0.5 per cent but there were revisions to the past year's data. Most notable of these was news that investment, far from rising 1.2 per cent, actually fell 0.7 per cent in 1995.

More surprising still is the fact that the savings ratio has risen in the last two quarters. The CSO had previously estimated that the savings ratio had fallen sharply in the third quarter to 8.6 from the 9.5 level recorded in the second and 10.1 in the first quarter of 1995. But the updated figures showed the savings ratio rose to 10.4 in the third quarter and to 10.5 in the fourth.

This suggests that, far from becoming more confident. consumers were, if anything, becoming more cautious as last year wore on. Yesterday's figures also contained downward revisions to consumer spending last year. Taking the fourth quarter 1995 against a year earlier, the latest estimate shows spending up 2.2 per cent against 2.5 per cent previously reported.

Consumer spending was up ordy 0.5 per cent in the final quarter. Jonathan Loynes of HSBC Markets said that the authorities will be hoping for much stronger consumer activity this year if they are to get anywhere near their 3 per cent growth forecast.

Other economists, however, saw some potentially bullish news for spending in yesterday's figures with a rise of 1.2 per cent in total personal disposable income in the final quarter of the year. Economists argued that this bodes

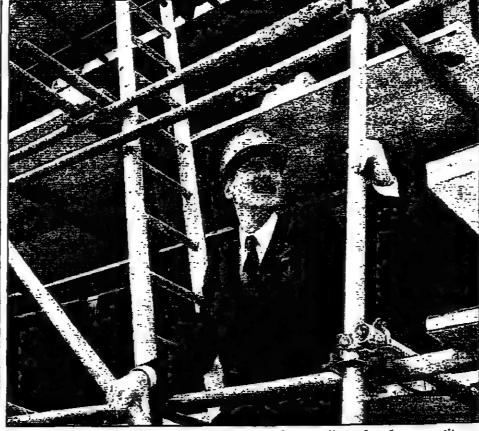
well for the coming year. Downward revisions in consumer spending, investment and service sector output were partially offset by an upward revision in exports. Separate figures showed that the current account deficit widened sharply to £6.67 billion in 1995, more than three times the £2.08 billion recorded in 1994 but well below the £11 billion deficit in 1993.

During the fourth quarter. the current account gap was £1.8 billion compared with £2.1 billion in the third quarter and City expectations of a deficit of El billion. This was largely because of lower than expected invisible earnings which in turn came about because transfers to EU institutions hit a record of £2.5 billion in the fourth quarter.

Britain's visible trade was in deficit to the tune of £28 billion in the fourth quarter compared with £3.6 billion in the

third quarter.

Michael Saunders, United Kingdom economist at Salomon Brothers, said that, as long as transfers to the EU fall back to more normal levels, he would expected a current account deficit this year of £3



Colin Parsons, Taylor Woodrow's chairman, plans quality rather than quantity

Taylor Woodrow lifts payout

TAYLOR WOODROW, the construction and property group, underlined an optimism for the future with a 50 per cent increase in its final dividend. The company reported a drop in pre-tax profits from £50.8 million to £46 million, after a £8.5 million restructuring charge and reduced profits from Eurotunnel units. But it lifted the final dividend, payable on July I, to

2.25p from 1.5p, making a total of 3p.
Colin Parsons, chairman, said that the group's confidence sprung from wide exposure to overseas markets and the opportunity to reap rewards from its streamlining in the UK over the past year. In the UK, where the

company emphasised that the need to restore construction to profitability is paramount, the company plans to sharpen its focus and bid only for projects carrying a substantial profit margin. Mr Parsons said: "We intend to go for

quality rather than quantity."

There will also be a shake-up of the company's £450 million worth of property invest-ment with much earmarked for disposal. The company remained subdued on the housing market, after the average price of its houses fell from £82,000 last year to £74,500.

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Bankers driven to risk new crisis

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

BANKERS fear they are being driven by intense competition to take unacceptable risks that will trigger the next banking crisis. According to comments made by 170 of the world's bankers, regulators and analysts, there is such high overcapacity that banks are under pressure to take risks to pro-

Over half the respondents to chief executive of NatWest, a study into "banking banana skins" by the Centre for the Study of Financial Innovation published today identified over-aggressive management, bad lending, slack internal controls, unwise diversification, and an obsession with size rather than profitability."

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"now being dictated by what the market will bear rather than by the credit risk." Other banking heads said global banks were continuing to "drive for market share regardless of cost." Tim Congdon, the econo-John Melbourn, deputy mist of Lombard Street Re-

search, thought excessive capital would tempt banks "into new activities which they do not fully understand. notably insurance, fund management, and capital market activities including securities and derivatives."

said the price of credit was

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Orange shares ten times oversubscribed

THE initial public offering of shares in Orange, the third largest mobile phone operator, was ten times oversubscribed yesterday, meaning it will be sold this morning at the top end of the indicated price range. Orange said last month that the price per share would range from 175p to 205p, valuing the company between £2.2 billion and £2.45 billion.

Orange, is owned by Hutchison Whampoa of Hong Kong and British Aerospace. Early indications were that 30,000 investors had agreed to make the £1,000 minimum investment. If demand for the shares remains strong in the aftermarket, Goldman Sachs and Kleinwort Benson, the underwriters, are likely to exercise their option to sell some or all of their "over-allotment" of 49 million Orange shares next week.

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Carnegie plans trusts

JP CARNEGIE, the Edinburgh asset management company. said that it intended to launch ten branded Carnegie Building Societies Investment Trusts, which will invest in permanent interest bearing shares issued by building societies. The size of the issue, sponsored by Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, is restricted to £30 million. The underlying trust portfolios may also include other high-yielding debt securities and shares of successor companies of building societies. Tempus, page 28

Shake-up helps Camas

CAMAS, the building materials group, started to see the benefits of substantial trimming of costs and a drive on margins with a 26 per cent improvement in pre-tax profits in 1995. But the company, which made profits before tax of £24.1 million (£19.2 million), said that this year would prove difficult in UK construction. The final dividend, payable on July I, was set at 2.5p which takes the total to 3.75p, maintaining the previous year's amount.

Photronics chooses UK

MORE than 250 jobs are to be created by a leading American electronics company, which is locating its European headquarters in Britain. Photronics announced that it will site a new factory at Trafford Park. Manchester, with the help of a £1.8 million grant from the Government. The plant will manufacture photomasks, a component that is used in the production of

Wolstenholme rises

WOLSTENHOLME RINK, the supplier of products for the print industry, achieved a 23 per cent rise in profits to £7.5 million before tax in 1995. Earnings were 65p a share, compared with 52.4p. The final dividend of 15p a share lifts the total to 24p, an increase of 16 per cent. Turnover of £75.8 million compared with £65.6 million previously. The company said there were signs that demand in some important markets is slowing.

US rates unchanged

AMERICA'S Federal Reserve yesterday left interest rates unchanged amid signs that the economy is springing back from a mid-winter slowdown. The decision had been expected and left the key federal funds rate that commercial banks charge each other for overnight money unchanged at 5.25 per cent. After faltering in January, the economy picked up steam last month as consumer spending rebounded. industrial production boomed and housing starts increased.

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☐ Tracking the numbers, Labour allowing ☐ Red card for football shares ☐ Whence the next financial crisis?

☐ SOME time over the next few days, a couple of paragraphs of leaden prose will drop through the letterbox at the offices of SBC Warburg, in charge of the privatisation of Railtrack. Until the postman calls, normal investment criteria do not apply to one of this year's two biggest stock market debuts.

The best indications are that

Labour, pledged to insert a policy statement into the Railtrack prospectus, will go for a political fudge, something along the lines of "when appropriate, we might or might not pursue our goal of stealing the track and signals back from the people who own it."

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people who own it."
This would be an act of moral cowardice that would disappoint many, inside and outside the City, who had hoped for better from New Labour. But take it as a fait accompli, and it does allow a few preliminary numbers to be done and a few assumptions to be made about the Railtrack sale.

investors will want to know first, what sort of price they will be expected to put up, and second, what can go wrong with their investment thereafter. The price will reflect the dividend yield Railtrack's advisers think will be necessary to get the issue away, and how much higher this yield will have to be than that already on offer from existing privatised utilities.

Fudge on the line

The figures being worked on, all based on the financial year ending at the end of this week, toric yield at flotation works out wrong, there would seem to be only one real risk, and that is if the new Railtrack bosses prove allow comparison with two, the National Grid that was floated last year and BT, on the stock market for more than a decade. Both yield approaching 7 per cent, high in stock market terms. even more incompetent than British Rail. Widespread signal failure, say, and the company because of the regulatory risks loses revenue from the train

tions and other unpleasantness, is one of the bad boys in the

utilities sector and may be head-

regulatory danger is slim; the restructured rail industry is held

together by a network of contrac-

tual agreements between train

operators, the Government and

the regulator which would, le-gally, be the devil's work to unpick. The two balance out,

assuming a Labour fudge, which suggests a similar yield to Grid and BT. Add on 10 to 15 per cent

as a premium for investors and

assume a 7 per cent dividend

growth for the first year under

private ownership, and the his-

they face. BT is in open conflict with its regulator while the Grid, because of executive share opaccess charges to the point, ultimately, that it would be unable to pay a dividend.

This would seem wildly improbable, even if much of the ing for future grief.
Railtrack believes that while it
must bear some political risk, the board are BR veterans. The only other possible risk comes from Labour. Over to you, Mr Blair.

Millwall no match for the Reds

IT WOULD probably have been a closer contest if Manchester United had met Millwall on a football pitch. But yesterday the two football clubs met as stock market rivals to produce results that were in different leagues.

United oozed Premiership class as the company more than doubled pre-tax half year profits even if one more geared to

PENNINGTON



to £15.2 million and raised the interim dividend to l.op, even if the club had, by its high stan-Miliwali saw losses treble to £376,000 and no dividend, even

though attendences were up. United's success, coupled with a promising stock market performance of late by Tottenham Hotspur, has led other clubs to explore the idea of flotation. In recent months, Chelsea, Leeds, Arsenal, Aston Villa, even poor old West Bromwich Albion struggling in the Endsleigh League Division One, have ex-pressed an interest in coming to

that while United has become a reputable investment vehicle,

goal mouth, other football clubs may not be such a success—especially given the run of the play so far. Manchester United is a global brand name that gives the company a lead in the chase for sponsorship and marketing deals and allows the club to weather a bad year on the pitch. Competition from Nike for United's kit contrast formed United's kit contract forced Umbro to bid the price up to

Most of the other big clubs rely on the financial contributions of a football crazy sugar-daddy, such as Sir Johr. Hall at Newcastle and Jack Walker at Blackburn. Shareholders in quoted clubs will be less keen than they are for success at any price, especially if it starts to hit

around £60 million.

dividend payments. Above all, the gap between football success and failure will always remain marginal. It only takes one dodgy refereeing decision or a changing room bust-up with the stroppy star striker to wreck the balance sheet. But the dispersive showing by the face. the disregard shown by the fans for the financials will still drive the share price. Most football

share certificates will always belong on the bedroom wall, with the season ticket, the kit and the autographed teamsheet.

Banking on the next disaster

DBANKERS, like First World War generals it seems, are still fighting the war before. A list of 50 terrible things that could go wrong soon, culled from a survey of bankers, regulators and other professionals, includes inadequate regulation, a rogue trader, electronic fraud and a Japanese financial crisis.

All this, after Barings, Nick Leeson, a \$10 million computer theft from Citibank and the Daiwa scandal, suggests that the respondents at least read the news headlines. But their nomination for the biggest threat of all, the next runaway asteroid to splash down on the world banking system, does imply some degree of self-knowledge and wisdom — along with a chilling belief in the inevitability of the next banking disaster. That threat, in the Centre for

When mankind meets machine, Mercury can help.

the Study of Financial Innova-tion's list of impending banana skins, is that over-capacity and thin margins require banks to do silly things to hold market share. Unwise diversification, and an obsession with size rather than profitability" is a phrase that leaps out with a strangely 1980s

air to it.

The worry is that while the majority of respondents think their industry is heading for disaster, each banker individually presumably thinks he or she is acting responsibly and in the interests of shareholders and account-holders. It is the other fellow who is getting it wrong.

No saving grace

□ NOTABLE for its absence from Halifax's annual results yesterday was any comment on savings rates. Savers, forced to sit tight until they receive their payout after next year's conversion, are being kept in the dark. Will the recent cut in base rates force savings rates down, or will the Halifax, like its mutual rivals, absorb the cost and take the hit on its margins? A glance at the mortgage market might suggest the answer. The Nation-wide, vociferously wedded to mutuality, will still be offering a cheaper mortgage than the Halifax when new rates come into effect on Monday.

UniChem vows to carry on buying

BY ERIC REGULY

UNICHEM, the drugs wholesaler and retailer, said that the monopolies referral of its £620 million bid for Lloyds Chemists will not deter it from growing by smaller acquisitions.
Jeffery Harris, chief execu-

tive, said that the company expects to buy out 50 or more independent pharmacists in 1996 and will pursue its European expansion strategy by forming joint ventures in the wholesale market. Pharmacies, he said, typically cost £400,000, and there are thousands from which to choose. Mr Harris said that he

expects the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to clear UniChem's bid for Lloyds, subject to a disposal of some, or all, of UniChem's wholesale business, and to clear the rival bid by Gehe of Germany. "We'll both come back to the

match again," he said. UniChem made pre-tax profits of £49.4 million for 1995, up 12.3 per cent. Turnover was £1.4 billion, up 5.9 per cent. Operating profits were £46.8 million, up 14 per cent. Earnings were 19p a share, against 18.8p. A 5.3p final dividend, up from 4.7p, makes 8p, up 12.2 per cent.



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City investors hit by another day of losses

ment bonds and the financial future set the seal on another day of losses for City investors. Behind it all was the worsen-

ing crisis over BSE and the arguments about how to resolve the issue. Financial markets thrive on speculation, but are rarely able to cope with uncertainty. This was not the best backdrop for today's issue by the Bank of England of 13 hillion of short-dated gilt stock.

A hesitant start to trading in New York added to investors woes and left the FT-SE 100 points at 3,660.9. That stretches the loss of the past two days to 46.1. A total of 822 million shares changed hands.

Glazo Wellcome shrugged off an early fall prompted by a rival, had been given the goahead to market prilosec, its anti-ulcer drug, in the US. There was also talk that Glaxo Wellcome was about to linkup with Pfizer, a US rival. Its shares closed 234p dearer at 8352p. Glaxo denied the

Securicor continued to benefit from proposals to scrap the two-tier share structure and bring Security Services, its 50.75 per cent owned subsidiary, under one roof. The A shares surged a further 120n to Ell.75, with the ordinary 2180 dearer at £20.23. Security Services finished 118p higher at £11.68. Between them, the companies own a 40 per cent stake in Cellnet, the mobile telephone operator.

News of the restructuring at Securicor comes just days before the start of dealings in Orange, the rival mobile phone operator being floated by Hutchison Whampoa and British Aerospace, down 9p at 855p. Orange shares were offered in a range of between 175p and 205p. Last night, it was looking as though the issue had been more than six times oversubscribed. Dealing are expected to open at about the 230p level.

There was further heavy turnover in Tomkins as the price firmed another 24p to 260p with 4.1 million shares traded. SBC Warburg and Goldman Sachs, the securities houses, are believed to have joined Kleinwort Benson and turned bullish of the stock after a period underperformance. There has been talk that Greg Hutchings, chairman, is considering a share buy-back



Profit-taking left Bernard Matthews, the turkey firm, 6p lower

operation. A profits warning left Filtronic Comtek nursing a fall of 22p to 353p. Some of its higgest customers have been experiencing technical diffi-culties in the US developing code division multiple access systems for personal computers. The rescheduling of equipment orders worth \$12 million means profits for the current year to May 31 are unlikely to

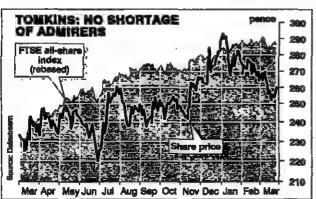
milk. Northern Foods slipped a further 3p to 180p and Unigate was 7p off at 400p. Sentry Farming rallied 9p to 168p afer reassuring shareholders that events relating to BSE were unlikely to materially affect its profitability. Beef production accounted for just 1 per cent of turnover. P&O responded to a prom-

ise by Lord Sterling, chair-

Royal Bank of Scotland fell 12p to 504p, for a two-day loss of 18p. in the wake of a profits downgrading by one of its own brokers. Credit Lyonnais Laing has cut its estimate for the current year by £25 million to £605 million because it expects RBS's Direct Line insurance arm to deliver halved profits of £45 million.

significantly exceed the previ-

ous year.
Profit-taking left Bernard Matthews, the Norfolk turkey producer, on lower at 116p. The shares have risen almost 30p in the past week following the growing crisis over mad cow disease. But the dairy producers continued to lose ground, worried by the threat to slaughter dairy herds resulting in dearer imported man, to obtain better returns for shareholders with a rise of 80 to 5220, after 540p. He plans to slim the group and raise more than El billion from the disposal of property and the demerger next year of Bovis, its construction business. He also refused to rule out the possibility of making a bid for Cunard, Trafalgar House's shipping line. News of the measures came as the



group re	ported a	drop	in pre-
	fits last	year	from
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An encouraging performance from Taylor Woodrow lifted the shares 11p to 149p. Pre-tax profits declined from £50.8 million to £46 million.

An impressive first-half performance by Manchester United, the Premier division title contender, was well received in the Square Mile, even though the shares finished 4p cheaper on the day at 282p.

Pre-tax profits more than doubled to £15.3 million, with the group generating £75,000 of merchandising income per game, compared with only £25,000 earlier in the season. This follows the near completion of the new stand at Old Trafford, which boosted pectactor numbers above the riginal 30,000 total.

Further down the league tables, Millwall, the southeast London club, slipped 12p to 24p after plunging into the red in the first half. Pre-tax losses were £260,000, against a profit last time of £83,000. Money spent on new players and an early exit from cup competition were to blame.

Meggitt Holdings fell 92p to 95p after plunging into the red last year with losses of £21.4 million against a profit of £14.8 million last time. Brokers have begun downgrading estimates for the current year amid worries about the fall in demand for electron-

ic components in Europe.

☐ GILT EDGED: Prices suffered an early sell-off from which they never really recovered. Still overshadowed by the BSE scare and its possible impact on the PSBR, investors were in no mood to open fresh positions before3 today's auction of £3 billion Treasury 7 per cent 2001. As a result turnover among shorter dated issues proved thin.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt fell £3 to £104% as just 38,000 contracts were completed. Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost £816 at £962132, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was 4 easier at £102132. □ NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks were flat in early trading as little enthusiasm was generated by the Federal Reserve's widely expected deci-

sion to leave US monetary

policy unchanged. At midday,

the Dow Jones industrial aver-

age was up 4.70 at 5.648.56.

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the grumbling from its first class passengers. Yesterday he invited them all to the captain's table, promised them a more enjoyable cruise and the prospect of a gala dinner with extra pudding, if all goes well.

By all accounts the message was well received by City analysis and fund managers. P&O is addressing its fundamental weakness. cash flow, with a programme of disposals that could raise II billion. The company suffers from exposure to highly cash consumptive businesses such as shipping, housebuilding and commercial property. Last year, P&O invested 25 per cent more cash than it generated from operations and that was before payinginterest, tax and dividends.

The sale of Bovis Homes removes one drain on the purse and plans are afoot to retrieve

P&O on a new heading THE captain of P&O has finally taken heed of some capital from bulk shipping. If the market is there, P&O is likely to shrink its £2 billion property portfolio by more than the indicated £500 million. All to the good but the question is whether P&O can redeploy the capital in a way which will generate its target

15 per cent return and achieve that before the first class passengers start breaking the china. Container shipping is the core of the problem and P&O hopes that its strategic alliance with other ship owners will lead to industry consolidation. Whether or not that process will result in

P&O leading or leaving the business remains a question. Yesterday's message was a three-year haul to better returns. Investors might have preferred to hear of asset sales this year but the ship has finally

Taylor Woodrow

IT IS A brave or confident company which lifts its final dividend 50 per cent after

serving up lower profits.

Taylor Woodrow's confidence is bolstered by wide overseas interests and by the near completion of major surgery on its business. The company generates more than 60 per cent of its revenue overseas, an expansion it has pursued to reduce its vulnerability to the dwindling output in UK

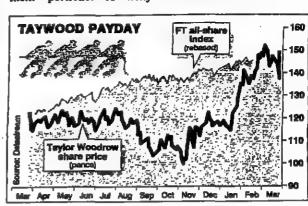
In the UK much of Taylor Woodrow's restructuring work is now complete and it should soon start to see some results.

The prospects in the do-mestic building market are by no means glittering but the company has pledged to focus on projects which de-liver higher margin pros-

pects. It has won encouraging business on football stadia and for private finance initiative work and it is the market leader in the growing area of healthcare.

In tandem with a more focused approach to construction Taylor Woodrow is taking decisive action on its £450 million property investment portfolio. A hefty

chunk of that will be sold with the cash pumped into property development. With low interest rates and a weak outlook for rental growth it makes sense to shift resources into more dynamic operations but demand for new space is patchy and the company will need to choose projects where market exposure is limited.



Charter

AFTER worries about a slowdown in the second half, Charter came up trumps in the second half. Esab. the welding equipment manufacturer generated a 17 per cent return on investment in its first year of ownership, despite a slowdown in Brazil because of the economic squeeze and a brand rationalisation programme

in the US. Esab achieved a 10.5 per cent return on sales last year and the company reckons that it ought to trade at 10 per cent margins over the whole of the industrial cycle. That suggests that the welding business should be operating at margins of II per cent or more at the peak, a period that some would forecast within the next 12 months.

If Charter can push Esab's returns up a notch or two, the current share rating of about Il times current year earnings looks attractive but investors are already asking

DOLLAR RATES

wise to wait for the next deal. Carnegie

TURNING a quick profit on the flotation of your building society is possibly the most painless of investments. Unifortunately, it is hard to avoid the element of lottery in which society will next desert the ship of mutuality, without the trouble of sinking £200 in dozens of deposit accounts. Inevitably, the "stock pick-

questions about new busi-

nesses. With half of its sales

in a division about to achieve

peak returns, Charter needs

to balance its portfolio and

there is talk of a fourth leg. If

the new business is to make a

difference Charter needs to

invest more than £200 mil-

lion and that implies a pos-

sible issue of new shares.

Charter is not expensive at

these levels but it might be

ing role has attracted a fund manager but Carnegie Asset Management's Building Societies Investment Trusts have the added attraction of offer-

ing a better nominal return than the poor rate on high street deposits. Carnegie's new trust will invest in permanent interest bearing shares — instruments issued by societies as a means of raising wholesale capital. They yield a premium to long-term gilts - 9 per cent or more - giving a 7 per cent return and if the society converts, the bonus could add another 14 per cent.

Carnegie is probably right to assume that more societies will convert — the lure of options and diversification is too much for most building society bosses to resist. But there are relatively few societies to choose from. Some 12 of the 80 societies issue PIBS a small investment pool and Carnegie will boost the investment pool with shares in floated societies. However, it is an interesting variation on a bond pep with the possibility of more speculative capital gains.

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DIARY

Beef crisis? Not at Asda

MAD timing for Asda,

which launched a multimillion-pound beef promotion throughout its supermarkets yesterday. Seemingly oblivious to the furnic down on the farm, Asda's Great British Beef promotion has been planned for the run up to Easter. For a fortnight, Asda shoppers have the opportunity of filling their baskets with bargains, including sirloin at £7.25 per pound as opposed to £9.99. The promotion is rumoured to have cost Asda E5 million, but the supermarket chain says its customers are over the moon. 'We've had a vote of confidence from our customers." says Sue Finnegan. public relations manager at Asda. "Our beef sales have been increasing year

Europhobe

ALAN MEALE MP for Mansfield and chairman of the Parliamentary Beer Club, was handed a one billion ecu coin outside the House of Commons yesterday. The gift was from the loony Hugh Becker. chairman of Teesdale Traditional Taverns in County Durham, who claims to have spent a five-tigure sum on 5,000 smaller ecu medals, cast in bronze, to protest against government duty on beer. "You might say that this is a case of carrying Kohls to Newcastle, but our customers are tired of Brussels," Becker says.



Meale: billionaire

PHILLIPS. the auctioneer, was by far the most popular stand at the Society of Names conference in Jermyn Street yesterday. Lloyd's names were witnessed flocking to its stand, with the hope of fixing a price on their family heirlooms.

Not me, lad

AUTHORSHIP of quotes is not always a precise science. So in attributing the quote that Halifax's E10 billion flotation next year will represent possi-bly the biggest give-away in terms of value in the history of the world" to chief executive Mike Blackburn, who delivered it at yesterday's results, would be wrong. The author was Gary Marsh, a Halifax spokesman.

Way to the top

JOHN FRY, deputy chairman of Abbey National, celebrated his retirement after 35 years with the building society-turned hank with some old friends and rivals at a cocktail party hosted by his chairman Lord Tugendhat this week. Only the second graduate to he employed by the society. Mr Fry's success, he revealed, was based on tricks picked up during National Service in the Royal Dragoons, "buy a clipboard, look efficient and answer questions briskly — even if with no content at all".

SOME familiar faces were missing at Uni-Chem's preliminary results in London yesterday. When chief executive Jeff Harris asked why only half the analysts expected were there, he was told the others had opted at the last minute to join a freebie to a Barcelona condom factory instead.

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What British business wants from Europe

Philip **Bassett**

on the EU

governmental

conference

Britain and Europe will be watching warily as the EU's leading politicians head for Turin for the start of the intergovernmental conference (IGC) un the future of Europe. They are worried that in the diplo macy of updating the Maastricht treaty Europe's business and economic interests will not be at the forefront of the protracted negotiating process the IGC will become after its launch on Friday.

Unice, the cross-European employers' body, says it wants this IGC to avoid the difficulties encountered in 1991, the negotiating run-up to Maastricht. Chambers of commerce put it even more bluntly: "During the passage of the Maastricht treaty, there was little attention paid to the real effect on business, on jobs and on the prosperity of the nation."

Not this time, says business. This time, economic competitiveness — especially, for Europe against the "tiger" economies of the Far East and the emerging economic forces of India and China - must be to the fore.

Adair Turner, CBI Director General, says: "The EU faces two great challenges, the need to ensure that European business improves its competitiveness in world markets and the need to anchor the new democracies of Eastern Europe in an enlarged economic community.

"The IGC will prove to be a distraction unless it delivers change to institutions and decision-making which make competitiveness and enlargement more easily attained."

Robin Geldard, President of the British Chambers of Commerce, agrees - making specific reference to the issue over Europe that business sees as the most important and as having the potential for the greatest distraction. "Our big-gest worry would be that all this talk of a single currency. and more generally Europe, will divert UK business from the bigger objective: competitiveness on a world stage."

British business leaders say there is already enough about the IGC to worry them. Although there is no formal agenda for the IGC talks, the Maastricht commitment for a review of the treaty has a primarily structural focus: Issues such as the European legislative process, the EU presidency system, qualified majority voting, the number of commissioners, the powers of the European Parliament and

the European Court of Justice. Business leaders in the UK believe that such matters, vital in the high councils of Europe, seem at best of limited relevance to companies in Britain



Ruth Lea, of the Institute of Directors, says business is sending a clear message to politicians

worried about whether the slowdown in the economy will bite them as a new recession. But they insist that companies' complaints about Brussels, including legal measures especially about employment that they are still being required to implement show precisely why business should be concerned with the outcome of the IGC process. If you do not want your company hit by

such moves, the message goes, then the IGC is not some irrelevant piece of Euro-nonsense, but something that really does matter. The UK Government's pre-IGC paper was enough to

stoke business concerns. In 27 pages, the word competitiveness appears only five times. and even then, business judges, its secondary, or at least largely external, role is apparent. "The IGC needs to proceed in parallel with other necessary work, including the reform of key policies, and the need for member states to improve the competitiveness of their economies." And if that's the UK Government's view, goes business opinion. how much worse will be that of other EU countries, less wedded to the importance of competitiveness than Britain? In a letter to Malcolm Rifkind. Foreign Secretary, about the Government's pre-IGC document, the British Chambers of

Commerce says: We perceive the lack of other departments' input, particularly the Department of Trade and Industry's, in the White Paper." Certainly, the competitiveness unit of Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister was barely involved in preparing the UK's IGC line Business irritation at the IGC's perceived lack of competitive focus is widespread. But

such unity masks deeper divi-sions over Europe, which business fears the IGC may amplify when the pork-barrel politics of the EU draws the whole process in towards what will inevitably be a compromise deal at its end in 18 months to two years' time. "Unice reaffirms its support for the objective of economic and monetary union and the introduction of the single currency on the basis of the Maastricht treaty conditions and timetable," says the European employers' body in its document for the IGC. "The forthcoming IGC must not

reopen negotiations on EMU." Such a bold statement makes Unice's British member, the CBi, uneasy. Indeed, Unice's IGC paper includes a CBl "opt-out" clause on the point, recognising the the confederation's support for the UK Government's single currency opt-out.

Opinion and anecdotal evi-

dence confirm British business's dichotomy over Europe. With the rest of Europe as a key export market, business in the UK is firmly wedded to close and continuing European cooperation. But it finds some of social affairs, hard to take, at least in theory. The practical experience of some EU legislation, such as European works councils, is proving perhaps less of a horned beast than some of the ideological tubthumping from business at

first suggested. That leads to conflicting accounts of what business thinks. In its repeated calls for a "rational debate" on Europe, the CRI is at the same time clearly critical of the UK Government, which, it says, "needs to establish its credibility as a

Yet organisations such as the Institute of Directors, which is devoting the whole of its annual conference next month to Europe, claims a strong and strongly hostile homogeneity to



wants from the IGC is clear: ☐ Competitiveness. Business says that if Europe fails to be competitive it will be incapa-ble of achieving any of its objectives.At present, strengthening competitiveness is only an "activity" of the EU. For the IGC, business in Europe is proposing that it be upgraded to a full objective.

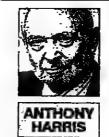
Single market. More than three years after coming into effect, the single market is seen by business as incomplete. If the powers of European institutions need to be changed. business wants to see them enhanced to ensure the full completion of the single

DEMU. In the main, business is positive about monetary union. However, it remains worried about the convergance criteria and the timetable. If the IGC is to touch EMU, it should enact change only that enhances rather than detracts from it. ☐ Deregulation. Business fears that the IGC will lead to a new raft of regulation and is insisting that any proposals for amendments to Maastricht should be specifically and rigorously tested for their effect on the creation and the development of small and medium-sized enterprises. ☐ Transparency. Any IGC changes to European institutions, such as the voting strengths of different member states, should be clear and judged on the basis of efficiency and the equity of

implementation.

☐ Social policy. A competitiveness test is the bare minimum, and some business leaders now state that there are simply no further areas where any EU legislation should impact upon the employment relationship; in other words, social policy should

All this is a sizeable agenda. But business feeling is that however sizeable, it is not the business will be looking hard at Turin and what follows. Peter Agar, the CBI's deputy director general, says: "We are not saying, drop the IGC agenda and do something completely different, but whatever it says on institutional change we ought to ask is that going to help deliver a Europe better able to to compete in world markets, to grow and to create jobs."



Next climbdown: Helmut and his mad EMU plan?

he embattled John Major and the trium-phant Helmut Kohl have not got much in common. But they do share two striking qualities: a political will which confounds their opponents; and an ability to ignore uncomfortable realities which is the despair of their supporters. Both have chosen the same week to demonstrate them.

Major may seem to have followed his model. Mr Micawber, into the realms of oure fantasy. What, apart from EU subventions, can possibly turn up to help him this time? Public memory is short, and tax cuts and the smell of roast beef may yet prove more appetising than now seems possible; but first there must be some sort of climbdown, and yet more humiliation. He is also no doubt aware (and Tony Blair clearly agrees) that public indignation against the EU could be very helpful to the Tories; and Brussels has played his game by over-

reacting.

The Kohl game plan is just the opposite. Helmut, who reunited Germany at one bold (and expensive) stroke is now going to unite Europe itself. He clearly understands the romantic German soul much better than his bean-counting SDP opponents. They were trying to frighten German voters into clinging to their Dmark, got it wrong, and so belped to rescue the Free Democrats for the empteenth time. The Chancellor will be harder than ever to restrain at the inter-governmental meeting in Turin. But despite appearances, he

too is playing Micawber. What he hopes will turn up is the German economy. Unless the current mild German revival matures something really beefy. it may be Germany rather than France which misses the EMU convergence criteria. The French have realistically revised their growth forecast for this year down to 1.4 per cent, and still hope to get within a plausible distance of a 3 per cent deficit. Germany is still relying on a growingly implausible official growth forecast

would require boom condi-tions in the second half of the year, to get no nearer than the French.

Implausible, but not impossible in present conditions. The Bundesbank has cut rates more boldly than anyone expected. It has already achieved a 6 per cent devaluation against the dollar, and a renewal of broad money growth which has encouraged broad monetarists to forecast a boom. The catch is that official plans would undermine current conditions. The bond market is expecting further "savage" Budget cuts, which could negate much of the Bundesbank's good work; and the plan to finance cuts in employment taxes with a sharp rise in VAT could shake voters out of their romantic dreams.

These are not the only dangers. First, how much will low rates help? History suggests German growth and investment are more responsive to long-term interest rates than to money rates, and here policy has been much less successful. German bonds now yield more than their US counterparts — a familiar pattern in London, but a new and rather humiliating one in Frankfurt, Have investors noticed the US is now much nearer to Maastricht virtue than any EU member?

blame for Germbond troubles. Foreign a little chary of MU itself is partly to blame for German investors are a little chary of D-mark bonds which may be repaid in unknown euros. Any suggestion of fudge on the Maastricht rules will make them charier, and we already have a steep yield curve. This does not usually promise growth; and it may well inhibit Buba from more the COTE European

If Germany gets a shock, such as Holland's from the Fokker collapse, the political mood could become very fragile. Small wonder, then, that some of Kohl's supporters want an easier timetable. For the present, he will follow the Major strategy, and keep his fingers crossed. But next year?

Annual Meeting of Shareholders

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on Thursday, May 9, 1996, 10:00 a.m. at BASF-Feierabendhaus, Leuschnerstraße 47, Ludwigshafen/Rhine, Germany

1. Presentation of the Financial Statements of BASF Aktiengesellschaft and BASF Group for 1995; presentation of the 1995 Annual Report covering BASF Aktiengesellschaft and the BASF Group; presentation of the Supervisory Board Report. Declaration of dividend.

3. Ratification of the actions of the Supervisory Board. 4. Ratification of the actions of the

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7. Reduction in the nominal value of a proportion of the shares issued by the company.

BUSINESS LETTERS

From left, Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, Malcolm Rifkind, and Michael Heseltine, Deputy Prime Minister

The real question for Britain's petrol forecourt giants In April, The Management

From Dr Marcel Cohen Sir, I write in response to articles on March I on the BP and Mobil forecourt link-up. My own research shows

that Mobil's trading territory has less overlap with other brands than its competitors. Therefore a link-up with Mobil is an attractive proposi-tion for petrol companies wishing to access "new" sales. No doubt BP will have done its own howework and arrived at the same conclusion. BP and

Mobil tell us that increasing the volumes base will save costs. However, "buying" new volumes does not address the underlying question — why is volume falling in the first

You do not need an MBA to work out the main problem facing petrol marketers is that motorists perceive little or no difference between competing brands. Surely it is this issue that oil companies should

seminar "marketing for petrol marketers" when this very point will be discussed. Surprisingly, only a handful of petrol companies believe they should attend. Yours faithfully. MARCEL COHEN Lecturer in Marketing.

Imperial College

53 Prince's Gate.

Management School,

Exhibition Road, SW7.

Lloyd's losses

From Mr John Pincham Sir, Will the DTI require hardpressed British members of Lloyd's to pay shares of losses not collectible from nonpaying American members as well as shares of losses not collectible from dead, bankrupt and elusive members? JOHN PINCHAM (County Councillor — Clay-gate and Hinchley Wood), 35 Lodge Close, Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey.

Finland flies the European Union flag

From Mr Donald Tait Sir. It appears from Anthony Harris's article on March 20 about the EU unemployment problem that his antipathy towards things "European" has clouded slightly his memory. Finland became a mem-

ber of the European Union in January 1995. Prehaps he meant Norway, or somewhere totally different. Yours faithfully. DONALD TAIT. 29 Sint-Katelijne Straat, 1000 Brussels, Belguim.

Let the marketing director get in the picture

From Mr Noel Gee Sir, At company annual report time we always seem to be shown a picture of the chief executive accompanied by the finance director. Ought this not to be the marketing director? After all,

he generates the company income: the finance man only has to count it. Yours faithfully, NOEL GEE 4 Rushmead Ham, Richmond

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The Board of Executive Directors Ludwigshafen/Rhine, March 26, 1996

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Charter leaps to £104m and seeks big buy

products company, yesterday announced full-year profits of £103.7 million, compared with £55.7 million for a nine-month period in 1994, and said it was seeking a big acquisition.

Jeffrey Herbert, chief executive, said the company wanted to buy "a market-leading industrial business" for about £250 million. But he added that while it had looked at a number of options, no purchase was imminent.

Mr Herbert was also confi-

Bid defence cost Country Casuals £1m

COUNTRY CASUALS incurred costs of £1.1 million defending itself against a takeover bid by John Shannon, its former chief executive, last year, the fashion group said yesterday. In spite of the exceptional

charge, the company made pre-tax profits of £249,000 for the year to January 27, up from losses of £987.000 in the previous year. Earnings per share were 0.60p, against losses of 4.45p. The total dividend rises to 5.41p, from 4.3p, with a 4p final. The shares rose 2p, to 156p.

Sales from ongoing businesses rose by 9.7 per cent, to £52.8 million.

CHARTER, the industrial dent about the outlook for the company this year. He said: We view the future with confidence. The acruisition of Esab has been successfully bedded in and the business is led by an experienced and dedicated team."

> The City was impressed by the results and shares in the company rose 14p to close at 895p. Turnover rose from £527 million for the nine months in 1994 to £1.1 billion in 1995. Earnings per share on a comparable nine-month period rose 71 per cent to 76.5p. The total 27.5p dividend represents a rise of 14.6 per cent on an annualised basis.

> Eash, the welding division, produced profits of E74.6 million in its first full year since acquisition. The company said it had performed strongly in all its main markets except Germany but that it was confident of improving its position this year.

> Pandrol, the rail track arm, increased profits from £9.6 million (nine months) to £15 million. The building materials division also improved in spite the weakness in the European construction market and registered profits of E12.4 million compared with £9.6 million (nine months).

> The net margin rate rose to 9.2 per cent. Gearing fell to 17 per cent after £80 million of disposals last year. A final dividend of 19p is payable on



Meggitt loss reaches £22m

MEGGITT, the engineering company that underwent a substantial restructuring last year, has disclosed losses of £22.7 million before tax for 1995, compared with losses of £468,000 in the previous 12

Latest losses include a pro-vision of £19.9 million against the proposed disposal of Plastic Fabricating, a subsidiary.
In spite of the substantial cost of reshaping the busi-ness, Meggitt is maintaining the total dividend at 3.93p a share, with a 2.63p final.

Iceland ahead for 25th time

BY SARAH BAGNALL

THE benefits of a big market-ing campaign together with a tighter strategic focus helped Iceland Group, the frozen food retailer, celebrate its 25th year of consecutive profits' growth.

The group added that during this year it plans to spend £25 million on refitting more than 100 of its older stores and plans to open 40 more. Last year Iceland opened 56 new stores, lifting the total to 752. The group's capital expenditure is expected to rise £9

million to £75 million because of the new store openings. refurbishments and planned investment in IT systems. Pre-tax profits edged ahead 3.4 per cent from £70.2 million to £726 million on sales up 5.6 per cent at £1.4 billion in the

year to December 30. Food sales rose 5.8 per cent to £1.3 billion, in spite of an autimn fall in like-for-like sales. In September, in an attempt to counterr this, a big marketing campaign was

launched, coinciding with its 25th anniversary. Malcolm Walker, chairman and chief executive, said: "This resulted in a turnaround in like-forlike food sales from minus 3.5 per cent in the first nine weeks of the second half to 2 per cent growth in the final 17 weeks."

The final 3.6p dividend, due May 24, makes a year's total of 5.25p, up 25 per cent from last time. Earnings per share rose 1.8 per cent to 17p. The shares gained 3p to 155p.

Hamleys thanks tourists

Hamleys, the self-styled finest toyshop in the world, showed the benefit of a mini tourist boom in 1995 with a £750,000 rise in pre-tax profits to £6.4 million in the year to January 27.

The flagship Regent treet store in London Street achieved a 10 per cent sales increase and stores at Covent Garden, Heathrow and serving the Channel Tunnel achieved combined growth of 42 per cent.

Howard Dyer, the chairman, said: "Current trading is ahead of last year, alpotential return of terrorism is an unknown factor." The dividend is raised from 7p to 8.1p, with a 5.4p final, on earnings per share of 19.3p, compared with 21.2p.

Upton back to the black

Upton & Southern, the department stores group that came close to collapse last summer after putting the Reject Shop chain into receivership, returned to profit in the 26 weeks to January 27.

The retailer made a pre-tax profit of £274,000 on sales of £4.8 million compared with a £1.2 million loss last time on sales of £20.6 million. There is no final dividend.

Boxmore boost

Boxmore International, the packaging company based in Northern Ireland, lifted pre-tax profits to £11.1 million in 1995 from £7.05 million in 1994. Total dividend rises to 5.28p a share from 4.48p, with a 3.66p final. Harold Ennis, chairman, said that al-though a cautious view may be taken of European economies, many export mar-kets are still buoyant. The shares rose 20p to 502p.

Mature savings

More than £4 billion of Nat-ional Savings 36th Issue of Savings Certificates and Series C Capital Bonds will begin to mature of April 2, five years after their purchase date. All will have matured by May 2 1997. The Government's savings arm estimates that, based on previous experience, 65-75 per cent of the maturing funds will be reinvested into Capital Bonds, the current series is J. Fixed Rate and index-linked Savings Certificates.

Crest cover

The Treasury yesterday issucd a consultation document outlining proposed amendments to the Financial Services Act that will give investors better protection when Crest, the new computcrised and paperless share settlement system, comes into effect in July.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Higher volume lifts **Lloyd Thompson**

NEW contracts with British Telecom, Halifax Building Society, and RTZ helped increase business for Lloyd Thompson Group, the international insurance and reinsurance broker, for the six months to December 31. Brokerage rose 8 per cent to £23.1 million from higher volume, while pre-tax profit increased 14 per cent to £10.4 million.

Ken Carter, chief executive, said results for the first half had benefited from a high level of investment income, although, given the decline in interest rates in recent months, this was unlikely to be maintained in the second half. The interim dividend is lifted to 3p (2.75p).

ALP in property sale

ALLIED LONDON PROPERTY has raised £42 million through the sale of 12 investment properties to an unidentified, private property company. The portfolio included office, industrial and retail properties with a book value of £40.9 million. Net rental income of the properties is £4.2 million a year, ALP said. The company also reported a decline in pre-tax profits to £4.2 million in the six months to the end of December from £5.89 million in the first half of the previous year. The interim dividend is held at 1.18p.

Barr & Wallace slides

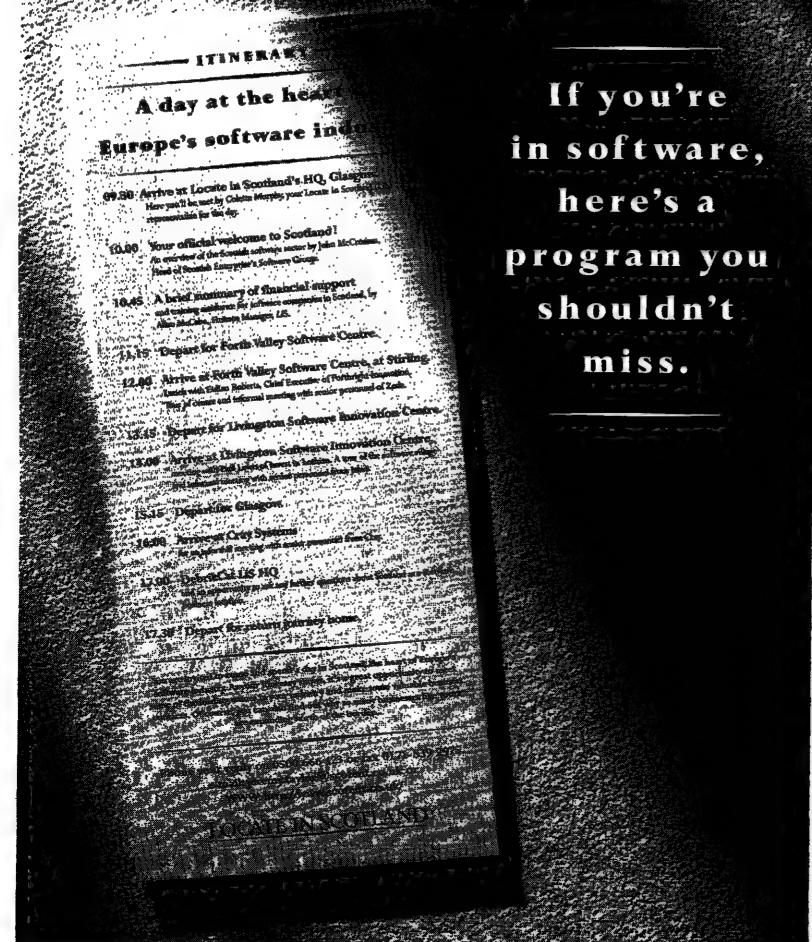
BARR & WALLACE ARNOLD TRUST, the motor retail and leisure group, is maintaining the total dividend for 1995 at 11p a share, with an unchanged Sp final payout, after a decline in annual profits to £4.6 million before tax from £5.6 million. Earnings were 20.8p a share against 22.3p. The company said overheads and gearing were reduced, strengthening the balance sheet. Trading so far this year. was generally in line with the board's expectations and was ahead of last year. The shares fell 4p to 22p.

Barclays picks Norwich

NORWICH UNION has beaten competition from Royal Insurance and Commercial Union to supply household insurance products to Barclays Insurance Services (Bisco). Norwich Union will provide personal general insurance products and claims services to Bisco's 500,000 customers in a deal worth more than £100 million a year in premium income. Norwich Union will provide a 24-hour claims service, starting with household clients, to be followed by other personal insurance projects. Bisco had been using a panel of insurers.

Wetherspoon funding

JD WETHERSPOON, the acquisitive UK pub operator, is raising £13.5 million through a private placing of shares in America. Institutional investors have subscribed for 1.8 million new shares, representing 5 per cent of the company's share capital, at 786p each. Existing shares put on 39p to 830p yesterday. The company said that the proceeds of the placing, combined with recently agreed additional bank facilities, will be used to fund further



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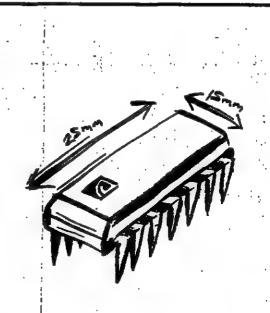
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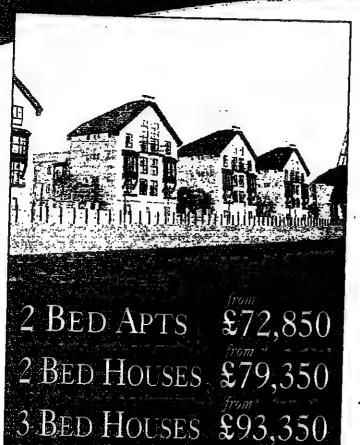
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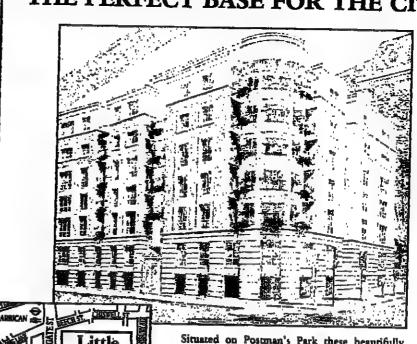
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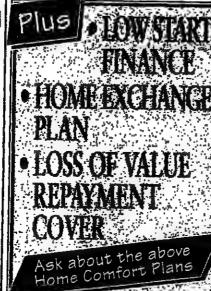
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Rachel Kelly on

why a squire and his wife are swapping suburbia for an old, cold, damp family pile

hen Sir Reginald Gra-ham moved into Norton Conyers in 1886. there were receptions in the nearby villages, flags and banners in every street. Church bells rang. As he approached the house near Ripon in North Yorkshire, the horses were removed from his carriage and it was drawn by the tenantry and local gentlemen almost a mile to the house. He was greeted by a row of uniformed

This week, a hundred years later, Sir Reginald's great-grandson, Sir James Graham, and his wife, Lady Graham, are moving into Norton Conyers. Yet this time the Grahams are entering by the back door. There will be no staff in attendance and supper will be an instant Marks & Spencer meal popped in the Aga.

It is a courageous step. At a time of their lives when contemporaries are considering a move into retirement bungalows, the Grahams, who are in their mid-fifties, are taking up residence in a crumbling stately pile with 40 rooms and a great hall but no central heating.

The house, built in about 1500 by an unknown architect, has a Grade I listed interior and is famous as the model for Thornfield Hall, home of the saturnine Mr Rochester in

Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre. The description in the novel fits the house exactly. Three storeys high, of proportions not vast, though considerable; a gentleman's manor house, not a nobleman's seat." True to the novel, there is a rookery, a sunken fence and a wide oak staircase.

Brontë came across gossip about a deranged woman in the family who had once been confined in an attic room at Norton Conyers. Eight years later Jane Eyre was published. The bare, whitewashed room is still there - even more eerily cold than the rest of the

house, the day I visited. "We feel moving here is the natural thing to do," says Lady Graham. "My husband has a deep-



Sir James and Lady Graham hope to restore their ancestral home, Norton Conyers in Wath, North Yorkshire, to its former glory

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a sense of duty to pass it on in better shape. The house needs such a lot

of work on it." Sir James inherited Norton Conyers, where he was born and brought up, in 1984. Since then, extensive repairs have been carried out to make the house more

The lead flashings between the slates had so many little holes in them that they looked like pincushions," recalls Sir James. "I realised that simply loving the house and being born here was not enough. I knew too little about its architectural history and its structure. We needed outside expertise to tackle such a big and complex task."

Enter English Heritage. The organisation contributed its first grant between 1984 and 1988, when it gave £22,900 towards stopping

the water coming in and repairing the 18th-century orangery. A futher grant is being spent on guttering repairs and refurbishing the 18th-century stable block and 17thcentury clock tower.

Although the house as it stands dates from the 16th century, there has been a manor house on the site since the Norman Conquest. It is mentioned in the Domesday Book, when it belonged to a Norman family named Conyers.

n the 14th century the manor was bought by the Nortons, Roman Catholics who rallied to Mary Queen of Scots in the rising of the North against Queen Elizabeth I and were punished by having their estates confiscated. Sir Richard Graham, the 1st

Baronet and direct ancestor of the

present owner, the 11th Baronet Sir

James, bought the house in 1624. As one of the King's Gentlemen of the Horse, he fought for Charles I at the Battle of Edgehill in the Civil War in 1642. Subsequently the Parliamentarians fixed him heavi-Parliamentarians fined him heavi-

ly for his Royalist support.
To reoccupy their family seat, the present-day Grahams are moving from their four-bedroom Victorian semi-detached home in Bedford, which would fit in a small corner of the Great Hall. Lady Graham has taken early retirement from her job as a museum curator, which until recently kept them in the South. "Our friends think we are mad."

says Lady Graham. "The only warm room is the kitchen because it has an Aga. But my sister gave me a nice woolly hat with side-flaps and I wear extra socks." The Grahams, who have no

children, hope to continue sympa-

Graham. "Repairs are being done in such a way that they don't shout at the visitor 'Look! I've been

attracts 2,000 visitors a year.

The house needs a further £5 million spent on repairing the roof of the main house and an adjoining stable block. The Grahams hope for extra funds from English Heri-tage or the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

thetically restoring the house, which is open to the public and

'We see ourselves as conserva-

tionists, not restorers," says Lady

The sums are huge, but this house is a magnificent example of an early squire's house and has. been used as the setting for one of the classics of English literature. It is worth saving.

● Norton Conyers is off the A61 near Ripon (01765 640333)

Listed stately home is centre of attention again

A new housing development is to take its lead from Northwick Park

Gloucestershire stately home which had fallen into disrepair is being reborn as the centrepiece of a

Cotswolds village.
The Historic Houses Association, which represents 4,000 stately home owners, says it believes the scheme is the first of its kind. Forty houses and flats are being built in the parkland surrounding Northwick Park, Blockley, a Grade I listed mansion three miles from Chipping Campden and once owned by the Spencer-Churchill family.

Seven houses have been completed, and stx sold for prices ranging from £85,000 to £250,000 for a four-bedroom house through the agents Knight Frank. The scheme will be completed in 18 months' time. The house itself and its coach houses, stables, granary, or-angery and dovecote were con-verted six years ago. Clarendon Properties, the developers, spent £1.8 million restoring the house and converting it into six flats, two on each floor, and in return were granted permission by Cotswolds District Council to build the new homes in local stone as part of the "enabling development". The 35-acre park

oak and ash and the estate walls.

The original house, known for its magnificent unaltered west elevation, was built in 1686, and was extensively remodelled in 1723 by Sir John Rushout using the fashionable architect Lord Burlington. The estate passed to the Spencer-Churchili family and remained with them until the death of Captain Spencer Churchill in the early 1960s. The house then became a drug rehabilitation centre, and had stood empty for several years when the developers bought it in 1989. It had dry rot, woodworm and a leaking roof.

have tiled or slate roofs, are in keeping with tradi-tional local architecture. There, are four hard tennis courts and an outdoor swimming pool is to be built

Conservationist and heritage bodies say that such develop-ments need to be done with care. William Proby, of the Historic Houses Association, says: "Developers must be careful not to destroy the setting of the house by inappropriate buildings."

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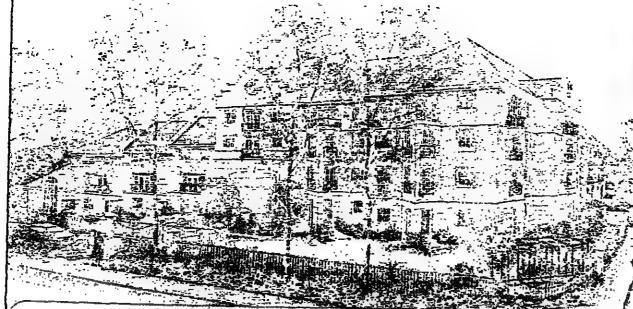
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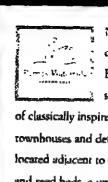
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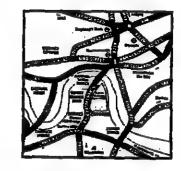
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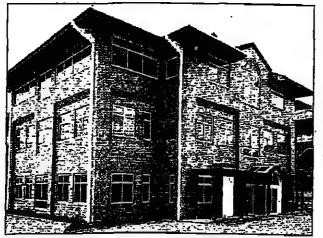
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tors and engineers have historically clustered in "brass plaque" areas of town centres, within walking distance of each other, and of banks, chambers of commerce and business clubs. But, spurred by traffic congestion and increasingly mobile clients, many are venturing into modern, motorway-based business parks alongside high-tech companies and financial institutions.

This month, for example, Shoosmiths and Harrison, one of the largest regional law firms, moved 280 staff working in Northampton from three town-centre locations to a 50,000 sq ft pre-let on Wilson Connolly Properties' Lakes Business Park. "We needed more efficient accommodation," says John Peet, a partner, "and have been able to build in space for expansion."

In 1992 the firm opened an office on the M27-based Solent Business Park, developed by Arlington, alongside Scottish Amicable, Norwich Union, Pearl Assurance and London and Manchester Assurance.

We don't have too many high street-type clients, so there was no particular reason. for setting up in a town centre," says Patricia Barnes. their South Coast facilities manager. The firm has expanded from 2,000 sq ft of short-lease space to 20,000 sq David Crawford looks at the number of high street firms deciding to move out of town



Solent Business Park: an Arlington development on the M27

ft, with a staff increase from six to 100. She admits, however, that there are problems, for example in recruiting carless juniors, and having to drive instead of walking to the

In another Midlands move Grant Thornton, one of the largest medium-sized accountants with 46 branches nationwide, needed in 1993 to merge three Northamptonshire branches into one office. Arlington's Kettering Venture Park was chosen. It is within 15 minutes of 90 per cent of

existing business. The firm had a 14,500 sq ft building built to specification and is occupying it on a 20-year lease. Aidan O'Rourke, the man-aging partner, is pleasantly

surprised by "the new busi-ness attracted by our higher profile now that we have six corporate finance professionals working together, and the relatively few clients who have left us". A construction industry patron of business parks is the

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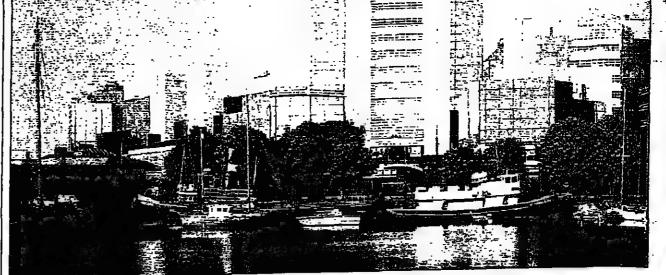
Atkins, which opened its Curn-

Whitehaven to handle projects for British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL) at Sellafield. The office has now moved

into a 3,500 sq ft pavilion on the Westlakes Science and Technology Park south of the town, which has been developed by BNFL and local authorities to boost employ-

In 1992, W. S. Atkins needed to open a Thames Valley office after acquiring the privatised Oxfordshire County Council department of planning and property services. It opted for 13,000 sq ft of speculative space (now increased to 25,000 sq ft) on Evans of Leeds ple's Chilbrook Oasis Business Park at Eynsham, seven miles west of Oxford. "Our main reasons were ease of access nationwide, avoidance of peak-hour congestion and easy parking," says Hugh Roberts, a director. If this trend continues, town

most dependable occupier groups. But Alan Tallentire, chairman of the Association of Town Centre Management, thinks the threat will diminish. "As some firms move to business parks, there will be more room to move around centres, and the traditional attractions of shopping and leisure will reassert them-selves, not least when staff choose where they want to



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☐ THE LONDON branch of Skanska, the Swedish developer, has announced that centres will lose one of their Svenska Handelsbanken has acquired 32,000 sq ft at Trinity Tower, above, in Thomas More Square, London El, east of Tower Bridge, for its new London headquarters. The Swedish bank will be moving from its current premises in Newgate Street, London EC4, at the turn of the year.

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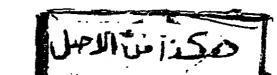
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THEATRE 1

Both revered and neglected: 90 years after his birth, Samuel Beckett remains a controversial name



THEATRE 2

Fear and loathing among Irish decorators, explored in the fine Brothers of the Brush





■ MUSIC

In Liverpool a new concerto for saxophone quartet brings a repeat success for Philip Glass



YOUNG ARTS

How a teenage piano prodigy prepares for the biggest challenge of his life

Samuel Beckett would have been 90 next month. Andy Lavender assesses the great man's place in the Nineties

Act one, scene one: Enter Godot

gearing up for the nineti-eth anniversary, on April 13, of the birth of Samuel Beckett, A clutch of festivals and conferences in Europe and America suggests that Beckett's status as a towering genius of the 20th century will be roundly celebrated. In other quarters, however, they know nothing and care just as little about this recondite figure. hirthday or not.

Just go into bookshops in this country and try to find Becken's novels (for some udmirers, he is among the most skilful exponents of the form). You might know of

Waiting For Godor or Endgame. Becken's 6 You learn most famous plays. But what so much A Piece of Monologue, What Where or about theatre Catastrophe? from him: that's what is

such a joy 🤊

Has Beckett suffered the fate of the too-clever-byhalf writer: revered within academia, ignored elsewhere?

That would be a shame. This Knowlson was the man, after all, who in his early twenties moved from his native Dublin to Paris. where he quickly became a friend of James Joyce. Who escaped, by only a few hours, deportation to a Nazi concentration camp during the Second World War. And who rose to (not exactly welcome) prominence as a pioneer of postwar existentialism.

Beckett's work, it seemed, came smack at the turningpoint of the 20th century, when modernism was whittled into something even more extraordinarily lean. Who but Beckett could have written a drama, Not I. whose central "character" is an illuminated mouth? Or another, Breath, consisting of two faint cries and lasting for about 35 seconds?

The whys and wherefores of this strangely shaped body of work will be pondered in various corners of the globe months. Imagine being a Beckett expert at such a time, caught in a cycle of duties of,

n some quarters, they are gearing up for the nineti-authorised biographer, is due to put in an appearance this weekend at a Goldsmiths'. University of London, conference focusing on Beckett's time in London in the 1930s. Knowlson will then jet off to give a keynote lecture in Strasbourg, and will be speaking in Florence in May. In between, he is correcting the proofs of Damned to Fame: The Life of Samuel Beckett, which will be published in

September. Knowlson knew Beckett for the last 20 years of the author's life, and interviewed him a number of times during the

his death in 1989. He promises a number of new angles on the writer. The first. he says, will counter the impression of Beckett as a "miserabilist", concerned only to point out the pointlessness of life. "He was

such good fun,"

Knowlson says. "Dinners, meetings, drinks — you couldn't actually talk to Beckett without bursting into hoots of laughter."

But before you conjure up a remorselessly mirthful character, Knowlson emphasises Beckett's quietly ethical di-mension. "Everyone says that this guy is apolitical. But he joined the French Resistance, he banned all his plays from being produced in South Africa and - what hasn't been known until now --- he gave all his Polish royalties to victims of the oppression of

Knowlson points to another new revelation. "Nobody has realised yet that Beckett was a connoisseur of painting, of the great masters. His own images can be seen to be inspired Rembrandts and Dürers and Antonellos. When you look at some of these paintings you see Beckett's figures."

Beckett's work certainly offers the most striking images, both complex and simple like the parents in dustbins in Endgame, or the five-second, toothless smile of Listener at



"He was such good fun," says Beckett's official biographer about the famous "miserabilist". "You couldn't talk to him without bursting into laughter"

the end of That Time, I must declare an interest here, having directed the production of Beckett's Act Without Words I and II, currently at the BAC Theatre in London, Both pieces are mime dramas with a clownish tinge, but working on them is like opening a Russian doll: the more you look, the more layers there are.

Tom Morris, the BAC's artistic director, is staging a production of All That Fall as his contribution to the venue's Beckett season. Why present a play written for radio in the theatre? "For the most part radio is listened to as a chatty

voice in the corner of your kitchen," Morris says. "My starting point was, what would it be like to engulf the audience in a sound world in total darkness? As you read the play your head is completely enveloped in noise, whether it's a crowing cockerel old man levering a 200lb woman into his car. It is written with this fantastic

aural imagination." Across the Thames, Katie Mitchell is preparing a production of Endgame for the Donmar Warehouse. She argues that the play, although

written in 1956, seems especially contemporary. "The context for it is an apocalypse or Armageddon which Beckett left entirely ambiguous," she explains. "For as long as the human race lasts there will always be this great fear that it will all end, be it through the of the ozone layer. And that's where he is contextualising what is in effect a family

drama. Perhans this sense of dealing with current concerns albeit doomy ones - will rescue Beckett from his potennar rooms of academia. There is a real danger in the fact that he has become part of the syllabus, a classic," says Keir Elam, who is organising the conference in Florence and contributing to the one in London. He reports, though, that Beckett is enjoying someing annm acclaim in Italy.

"All the prose works have just been republished in a new Italian translation. They're read, and there's a great deal of debate about them. The plays are very much performed and nearly all the major actors in Italy have tried

He's had enormous influence. partly in ways of conceiving the use of the stage. He taught directors how to simplify." Mitchell echoes this theme. "You learn about theatre," she says. "You learn so much,

that's what is such a joy." ● The Goldsmiths conference, Beckett, London and Other Mai-

ters, runs from Friday to Sunday ● Acis Without Words and All That Fall are part of the Beckett season at the BAC (0171-223 2223) ● Endgame opens at the Donmar Warehouse (0171-369 1732) on

and, while his father turns his

mind to his two great loves,

philosophy and writing, Julien

spends every spare minute

rock-climbing. "I do have to be

a bit careful, but I have fairly strong hands," he says in

"What I want to do most,

though, is simply play. You

should never enter a competi-

tion in order to win. I am just

so thrilled that I have the

chance to play - and to an audience. That opportunity to

share what I think and feel is

wonderful for me. It is my idea

Julien Cheriyan plays

Grieg's Piano Concerto at Wells Cathedral (01749 672970) tomorrow night at

The finals of the BBC's

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But where's the

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CONCERT

THE best way a composer can avoid having his works dismembered and reassembled on a compi-lation disc is to do the compilation himself.

Much of Philip Glass's new Concerto for Saxochestra sounds like a collection of your favourite accompaniment figures, the best of them protected from the intrusion of anything like a tune so that their basic harmonies and simple rhythms can be appreciated for what they are.

The choice example is what might be described as the second subject of the first movement - a syncopated figure not un-like that which appears at the equivalent point in the Unfinished Symphony. Whereas Schubert is naive enough to offer his accompaniment figure only twice before imposing distracting melody on it. Glass repeats his in all its purity perhaps a hundred times over.

RLPO/ Maksymiuk Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool

The advantage of passages like that is that they stimulate our own imagination. Although listeners to the Radio 3 broadcast of the (more or less) first British performance of the Glass conaware of it, the Philharmonic Hall was reverberant with hundreds of unheard tunes drawn from the audience into the melodic vacuum.

The professional restraint of the Rascher Saxophone Quartet in resisting the temptation to improvise a little linear interest here and there was only slightly less admirable than their virtuosity in the activity of the second and fourth movements. It was disappointing, however, that their encore was a Bach arrangement.

The virtue of Barber's Adagio for strings is that, as a fundamentally contrapuntal conception, it has no accompaniment figure. The sin of the Saint-Saens Organ Symphony, on the other hand, is that it is based on one. But sin and religious sentiment have long been compatible partners in French artistic taste. Jerzy Maksymiuk, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and its sentimental organ proved to be as adept in exploiting that fruitful contradiction as they were in profiling the long-term structural progress of the work.

GERALD LARNER

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Ragged-trousered unphilanthropists

WITH the polls suggesting that insecurity at work worries the British more than anything else, Jimmy Murphy's new play is undoubtedly timely. It may be set in Dublin and it may involve house-painters. but it does not take huge imagination to transpose its action to a hundred thousand offices on this side of the Irish Sea. Brothers of the Brush is a nightmare for the 1990s, a killer-fantasy in which virtue goes unrewarded, vice stays unpunished and poetic injustice flourishes.

That does not sound like a recipe for a fun evening, and there are times when Murphy's tale of three wrangling decorators and their gaffer seems repetitive and doggedly realistic. But plays do not win loads of awards in 1990s Ireland, as Brothers of the Brush has done, without having plenty going for them. Murphy's writing and

Lynne Parker's strong cast generate a surprising amount of tension, intensity and meaning from "small" lives. And judging by the gasps of horror near me, I was not the only person in the audience who ended up ready to leap on stage and grab the triumphant villain by the throat.

Martin's three employees -Lar, Heno and his Uncle Jack - are drawing the dole while simultaneously earning £25 a day from him for painting a basement. Bad feeling, already festering below the surface, erupts when he gives the job of foreman to Lar instead of the more senior Jack. Quite how men who are theoretically unemployed can go on strike and even mount an amateurish picket is not easy to understand: but Heno and Jack contrive to do so, with results that at first seem comic but have become ugly and distressing by the final

curtain. Still sounds an off-putting piece? But consider how much Murphy accomplishes with Brothers of the Brush Arts

his shabby Dublin microcosm. He creates a world not unlike the real-estate jungle of David Mamet's Glengarry Glen Ross. Economic recession has brought competition so intense that few survive unless they bend or break the rules. Hence backhanders and bribes, hasty work and shoddy workmanship, and maximum exploitation of the black economy. But this does not mean that Murphy is writing the kind of dour propagandist piece fashionable when socialism still struck the idealistic as

On the contrary, he con-founds every ideological ex-pectation. Yes, Darragh Kelly's Martin is fly and tough - but how can you blame him when, as he says, it takes a week to read the names of every firm offering decorating services in the Yellow Pages. Yes. Stuart Graham's Lar is a bit of a boss's man - and why not, given the desperation and misery that unemployment has caused his family? Yes, Phelim Drew's Heno makes a stand for workers' rights, but in ways that suggest he has taken a degree in Advanced

Brothers of the Brush these painters are not. Instead, Murphy and his cast show us manipulation and callousness in a dog-eat-dog substratum disturbingly akin to society as a whole - and not in any abstract way. They make you feel the pain of grovelling to the man from the mortgage company and the terror of such humiliations recurring. They give flesh, or rather gooseflesh, to contemporary insecurity.

BENEDICT · NIGHTINGALE

Pianist Julien Cheriyan, one of the BBC Young Musicians '96 finalists, talks to Hilary Finch After Saddam, a real test College, with music at the Royal College next door. His parents have retired to Wells,

from the Great West Door of Wells Cathedral, in Somerset, the dance of Grieg's finale to his Piano Concerto is being pounded out on a sturdy old Bechstein in one of the cathedral school's practice sooms. Julien Cheriyan has momentarily put aside his A-level physics revision and is practising. On Monday, he won the plant final in the last heat of this year's BBC Young Musicians' competition, and he will be playing the concerto in the grand finale in Birmingham 'And to watch the Iraqi

i an echo's distance

His reasons for choosing the Grieg are revealing: "Because it is so overplayed! It is killed to death! I wanted to take on the challenge of seeing just what it would mean to me.

on Sunday.

"Whenever I start learning a piece, I take it right away from the keyboard and just study the score in my head. That way you can explore everything. All I hope is that the work can be a new journey for the audience, too, however well they know the piece."

At 17. Cherivan is in many ways an old head on young shoulders. And he has reasons for thinking that his Grieg just might be a little different. Born in Kuwait to a family of Indian physicians, he fell for the piano after hearing Scott Joplin's piano rags, played every evening at closedown on Kuwaiti television. By the age of six he had chosen his instrument; at seven he was on to Grade 5 and on his way to Wells Cathedral school. But at just as he had gone home for the summer holidays, Iraq invaded Kuwait and he found himself caught up in the Gulf

"It changed the way I per-ceived music and the way I now play," he says. "You see things simply when you are II. You don't explore your feelings. The war forced me to look into things I wouldn't have dared to contemplate for many more years, like the idea that you could die. Many friends were involved in uprisings; many from our flats died.



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earlier in 1990, I'd been play-ing the Revolutionary Etude. Summer holidays came - and the invasion. When I turned to But Cheriyan joined the the piece again, for a concert, ! found it had changed quite extraordinarily. It was a much, much deeper and more

tions there, such turmoil which, before, it had been impossible to access as a child. The war made me grow up." Just as life had suddenly amplified music as Cheriyan's primary means of emotional expression and communication, so music had strengthened his own early days in England. When, as a small boy, he first set foot in Wells, it was music which enabled him

"There are such deep emo-

meaningful experience.

soldiers . . . they were some of

the nicest people 1'd met in the

Middle East. But you'd watch

them doing what they did, and

you'd wonder if they were

doing it because it was their

job, or because they felt real

composer. Before the war,

"Chopin is my favourite

to relate to those around him. "I'd grown up in a fairly Westernised culture, but there were still fundamental differences. There were certain things that you just didn't talk about here. In my family we talked about everything. Nothing went unsaid - even if later on there were fights!

"And there was a little racism too, if I'm honest. I didn't really expect it here. But schoolkids of seven can be spiteful. And it was new for



them, I guess, to have somecoloured, if that's the political-

junior choir, played chamber music and met his teacher John Byrne, "who never stifled what I had to say musically". He is now set for a degree

Young Musician 96 competition is on Sunday at 2.45pm in Symphony Hall, Birmingham (012) 2123333), broadcast on BBC2 at 7pm





■ CHOICE 1

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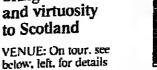
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ARABELLA. The Opera House may have lost both its leads — Amanda have lost both its leads — Amenda Recertat and Bryn Tertet — but the good news is that their replacements are the salvery soprano Cheryl Studer and Wotlgang Brendel as her Balkan sustor Mark Edder conducts a rowall of Strauss's rowardic conveyt, chock full of mingue, deception and humanely, with Anne Howells, Litten Wetson and Anne rowcus, in support.

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POOLE, Tonight's Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra programme takes on a French Bavour, opening with Fauré's Peliéas et Melisande and raure a release or necessinus and Canteloube's Songs of the Auvergne Mahler's Symphony No 4 completes the performance: Tadiash Otaka conducts. Wesseex Hall Arts Centre (a) (01202 685222) Fn in Southampton, Northguild (01703 632601) 7 30pm LONDON GALLERIES British Museum: Bakut: Uncovering the Past (0171-638 1555) . . .

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El PASSION Michael Ball, Maria Friodman and Helen Hobson star in Sondheim's latest musical set in 19th Century Italy where a young soldier is form between his mistress and his tram between his mistress and his colone's intriguing, realisted cousin. Jeremy Sams directs Chienen's, Shathesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5590) Mon-Sat, 7,45pm, mats Wool and Sat, 3pm

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Cinderella Coliseum

This is just what English National Ballet needed. After Derek Deane's superficial Alice in Wonderland, a work that sorely under-utilised ENB's dancers, we get Michael Corder's new Cinderella, a work so filled with wonderful choreography that every person on stage looks reinvigorated by the sheer pleasure of dancing it.

Cinderella is the exact opposite of Alice. Everything in Corder's production is driven by the music and realised by steps (although to be fair to Deane, the music for Alice was no great shakes). There is no mine, no time-wasting dramatic posturing, no protracted comic nonsense. There are even no mice. The choreography says it all, and says it beautifully.

Corder grew up with Ashton's Cinderella — he was a dancer with the Royal Ballet for many years — but his version for ENB owes little to Ashton's pantomime-inspired example. The Stepsisters are ugly of spirit, not physique, and their cruel self-satisfaction and grotesque coquettishness are expressed through classical soloist dancing, not musichall antics.

Corder's Cinderella is a much grander vision, in the tradition of 19th-century Russian ballet, and with greater psychological depth. Act III opens with the Prince tormented by a nightmare brought on by the sudden disappearance of the unknown woman who has captured his heart. The stunning apotheosis (designer David Walker's finest moment) places Cinderella and the Prince in a star-studded night world where the dancing is touched by the magic and mystery of transcendent love.

EVEN when a cutting-edge

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but the record still had to

deliver. The quartet's self-

titled debut album did that,

humming.

Lisa Pavane as Cinderella, Greg Horsman as the Prince in ENB's joyous production

Corder clearly adores Prokofiev's brilliant score (he uses all of it). His dancers' bodies swoon over its lush, surging melodies, they happily sing along with its elegant punctuations, giddy with the musical rush that informs all of

Corder's writing. The choreography strikes deep: some of the best is for the ensemble, who frame the principals like a glittering necklace of well-cut jewels. Soloists also shine: the fairies of the four seasons, accompanied by cavaliers, offer pas de deux of intricate variety and characterful presentation (and they

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Like a true classicist, Corder knows how to build the corps de ballet into the action. Cinderella's send-off to the ball sees her escorted by a glamorous procession of fairies and stars. Her arrival at the palace (carried in on a young man's shoulders) is so attentiongrabbing, it's no wonder the Prince is captivated by her before they are even formally introduced.

As for the principals. Corder knows how to make them look their best. Lisa Pavane is transformed in the title role.

Garbage's arrival at London's

her dancing phrased with luxuriant fluency in the upper body, her flamboyant pirouetting display at the ball delivered with majestic confidence. Greg Horsman's Prince is no less accomplished, especially in his big numbers.

There are excellent performances by Elisabeth Miegge and Monica Perego as the Stepsisters: Emma Greenhaigh is a lovely Fairy Godmother. The ENB Orchestra (conducted by David Coleman on Monday night) acquitted themselves well in parts.

DEBRA CRAINE

Duke Erikson. The mix on Why the charts are Manson prevented her vocals from filling the outer recesses of this huge room, but there a load of rubbish was no doubting her magnetism as she rode the juggernaut riffs of Fix Me Now and Bow Down to Me. Nor does the innate coolness comprorock is ready for the next step.

proachability. Manson, for largest "club" venue was every one, is clearly enjoying their bit the celebration they have earned. This was an event to wild ride. be seen at, one of those The quasi-orchestral Milk, concerts that puts up its own meanwhile, underlined their little staging post in rock's maturity and depth. At a time when Britpop has practically Queer, one of two previous imposed import restrictions on American rock, Garbage have created harmony in mid-

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Kilson. Holland's is an exemplary

sonorous but flexible and propulsive enough to power the band through his deft, driving compositions. Typically Hoiland sets up a vigorous rhythm, courtesy of a lively repeated bass figure embellished by Kilson's smart kit work, and his front line then stretches out over it. To the elegant, serious poise

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To judge by the size and enthusiasm of the first-night crowd that greeted Holland at the scene of his former triumph, the legend "local boy makes good" is still a potent one. Holland has been at the heart of New York jazz since the early 1970s, playing everything from Circle's semi-abstract music with Anthony

> Dave Holland Ronnie Scott's

Braxton and Chick Corea, through "supergroup" work with Herbie Hancock, Jack DeJohnette and Pat Metheny to cutting-edge street-sound music with M-Base figures such as Steve Coleman. So it was no surprise to find that his current quartet consists of some of the most experienced and accomplished musicians around: vibes player Steve Nelson, saxophonist Eric Person and drummer Billy

bass sound: full, resonant and

customarily associated with his European label, ECN, Holland adds an invigorating bounce and snap that is pure New York. The resulting music is cool and considered without being overly cerebral, carefully constructed but loose and informal enough to accommodate the formidable but tastefully restrained soloing skills of both Person and

Such was the quartet's eagerness to stretch out on Holland's up-tempo tunes —. and Person's tricky closer. The Ringleader — that four pieces entirely filled their 80-minute set. But it was a compact ballad, In Your Arms, that provided the evening's highlight for a highly supportive home growd.

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APRIL

Brescia-Bergamo Pianistico: Dozens of pianists descend on the two towns, Evgeny Kissin among them. Claudio Abbado conducts the Chamber Orchestra of Europe with Pavarotti.

April 22-June 16: Festival Pianistico Internazionale di Brescia e Bergamo, c/o Teatro Grande. 1-25121 Brescia, Italy (39 30 293022).

Budapest: The Budapest Spring has grown to a month to mark the 1.100th year of the Magyar settlement: classical musicians - mostly Hungarian - plus dance, drama and folk culture. The Budapest Summer falls in June with a flowering of theatre.

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Copenhagen, Cultural Capital of Europe 96: Strong theatre and dance from Stein, Mnouchkine, Suzuki, Lepage. Meredith Monk, Pina Bausch and ballet troupes. Meanwhile, 96 artists create installations in cargo containers at the harbour. An acoustic project fills Copenhagen's plazas and parks with the sounds of other cities. Symphony orchestras in the summer. April for early music, jazz in July. Hamlet: the Rock Ballet will be floating on the moat at

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Flanders: A range of music around the region. Early music blossoms most notably in Bruges (July-Aug). Conteniporary composers elsewhere, while Brussels considers the sounds of exile (Sept-Oct). To Dec: Festival van Vlaanderen. Ravensteinstraat 60. B-100t) Bruxelles, Belgium (32.2

Monte Carlo: During the Printemps Des Arts, the Riviera glimmers with star concerts and young soloists. Katia and Marielle Labeque tickle the ivories; James Galway pipes up. Compagnie Antonio Gades arrives with Carmen and Fuente Ovejuna. April 6-May 12: Printemps des Arts . 8 rue Louis Notari, MC-98000, Monaco (33 93158303).

Schwetzingen: Spring music in the intimate rococo theatre and castle. Concerts with Barbara Moser and more. Scarlani's Mitridate Eupatore. April 30-June 6: Schwetzinger Festspiele GmbH. Postfach 100040. D-70049 Stuttgart. Germany (49 711 9293038).

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Bergen: In picturesque Bergen, concerts are held in the homes of Grieg and Ole Bull. erstwhile competitor of Paganini. Other venues: the medieval King's Hall and art nouveau National Theatre. The line-up embraces the Boston Camerata and cellist Truls Mork. In drama. Silviu Purcarete is filling Aeschylus's missing bits with a 120-strong cast.

May 22-June 2: Bergen International Festival. Box 183, N-5001 Bergen. Norway (47.55312170)

Dresden: Rare operas. Dresden dedicates itself to Mozart's Viennese contemporaries. Salieri's Falstaff and Cimarosa's Il matrimonio segreto. Also the premiere of Der Zerbrochene Krug, the last opera Viktor Ullmann penned at Theresienstadt concentration camp. There is also a programme of world-class concerts, some of them given en plein air. May 16-June 2: Dresdner

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Drottningholm: The royal court theatre still has its 18thcentury machinery from mov-ing waves to cloud cars. Operas and ballets are reconstructed with period instruments: Orphée et Euridice, Tom Jones, La serva padrona and Il maestro di musica this year. Anne Sofie von Otter gives recitals in costume. June 1-Sept 14: Drottningholms Slottsteater, Box 27050. S-102 51 Stockholm, Sweden (40.8.005 [400]

Florence Maggio Musicale: A big bout of opera including new production of Idomeneo directed by Jonathan Miller. Graham Vick stages Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor. Also Elektra from Lev Dodin. Chamber music, recitals and a mini film fest. The Tokyo Ballet and al fresco activities in the amphitheatre.

May 2-June 27: Maggio Musicale Fiorentino, Teatro Comunale. Via Solferino 15. 1-50123 Firenze, Italy (39.55.2779-1)

Holland: Amsterdam's mega arts melange pays attention to contemporary composers. choreographers and theatre. Works by William Forsythe with the Nederlands Dans Theater. Premieres by Stockhausen, Donatoni, Kuriag, Xenakis. John Eliot Gardiner conducts Beethoven's Leonore staged as tableaux vivants. Martha Clarke directs a new opera about Marco Polo by Tan Dun. May 31-June 30: Holland Festival Information, Kleine-Gartmanplantsoen 21, NL-1017 RP Amsterdam, Netherlands (31.20.6276566)

Ludwigsburg: Strewn with Baroque palaces, Ludwigsburg hosts high-class concerts and some opera. The vast Residenzschloss provides an intimate court theatre. More music in the capacious modern concert hall, which also encourages boundary-leaping creations. Choreographic highlights: Merce Cunningham and Trisha Brown. May 31- Sept 15: Ludwigs burger Schlossfestspiele, Postfach 1022, D-71610 Lud-

Prague Spring: A fine frolic for classical music lovers. The Japan Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra and the Moscow Soloists are on the cards. In the first week of September. Prague also hosts a Dvorák String Quartet Festival. May 12-June 2: Prague Spring

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Festival, Hellichova 18. i 18 00 Praha I, Czech Republic 142.2.532489) Vienna: A grand and daring

festival, featuring much the-atre and music. Catch Robert Wilson's production of Marguerite Duras's La maladie de mort; Chekhov and Pushkin directed by Eimuntas Nekros, who was hailed as a genius by Arthur Miller. Meanwhile there are topnotch conductors and soloisis: Riccardo Muti, Riccardo Chailly and Dame Kiri among them. Vienna focuses, warily, on Austrian culture, plus wacky takes on Danube waitzes, and ballet to be viewed with 3-D glasses.

May 10-June 16: Wiener Festworchen, Lehargasse 11, A-1060 Wien, Austria

JUNE

Arjeplog: Revel amid the arts in the light of the midnight June 28-July 7: Arjeplog-Lappiand Bessoksservice AB. Box 4, S-930 90 Arjeplog. Sweden (46.961.14270)

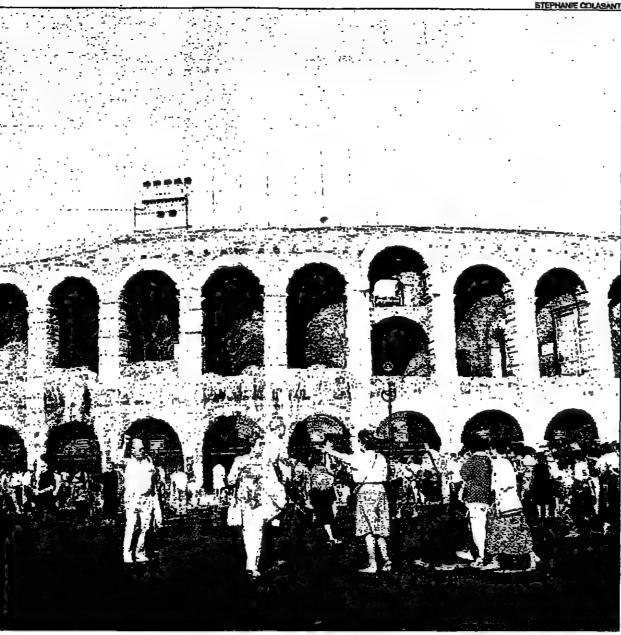
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Bad Kissingen: Symphonies, Lieder and chamber music complemented by the spectacular royal concert halls and fin de siècle playhouse in the Bavarian spa town once frequented by Tsars. Holzmair. Schiff and lots more.

June 20-July 14: Kissinger Sommer Festival, Postfach 2260. D-97672 Bad Kissingen, Germany (49.971.807110)

Feldkirch Schubertiade: Romantic countryside and a spread of Schubert. The Junge Meister part of the Schuberriade, with young musicians, falls in May at Schloss Achberg. Chamber concerts crop up during September. The central Feldkirch summer season starts with Cheryl Studer followed by Peter Schreier. Beethoven is also

celebrated. June 18-29: Schubertiade GmbH. Villa Rosenthal, Schweizer Strasse 1, Postfach 100. A-6845 Hohenems, Austria (43.5576.72091)



The arena at Verona, where thousands enjoy open-air stagings of opera in the Roman amphitheatre each summer

Granada: Granada plays tribute to Manuel de Falla on the fiftieth anniversary of his death. The festival also includes works by his Parisian friends Debussy, Ravel and Stravinsky. There are recitals in the Arab courtvards of the Alhambra; symphonies in the monumental Palacio de Carlos V; and — in the gypsy neighbourhood of Sacromente

 flamenco soirées.
 June 21-July 7: Festival
 Internacional de Musica y Danza, PO Box 64, E-19080 Spain (34.58.

Ravenna: Opera: Roberto De Simone's Neapolitan Cost with the Vienna Philharmonic. Also Rattle and Boulez. Dance with Antonio Gades. Theatre: Marco Martinelli stages All'Inferno, dedicated to Aristophanes, in the Sulphur Warehouses at the Docks.

June 16-July 21: Ravenna Festival, Via Dante Alighieri I, I-48100 Ravenna, Italy

Reykjavík Arts Festival: The ennial is back in the Icelandic capital. An opera premiere from Jon Asgeirsson; Butch dance from the USA; pop with David Bowie, Björk and Pulp. Through June: Reykjavik Arts Festival, P.O.Box 88, Is-121 Reykjavik, Iceland (354.

St. Petersburg White Nights: The sun scarcely sets and the Maryinsky Theatre, formerly the Kirov, offers opera, ballet and concerts. Bands in the streets. Night boat trips along the Neva. St Petersburg has also been picked for European Month Of Culture in June. Last two weeks of June: (Intourist 0171-538 8600)

Schleswig-Holstein: Classical music in churches and country barns round Germany's

most northerly state. June 25-Aug 20: Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival Info, Jerusalemberg 7, D-23568, Lubeck, Germany (49.451.38957-

in Umbria including Handel's Semele and Mahler in the piazza. A spot of dance, theatre, cinema and art too.

June 26-July 14: Associazione Festival Del Due Mondi. Via Cesare Beccaria 18, 1-00196 Roma, Italy (39.6.3210288)

Umea/Korsholm: Cellist Frans Helmerson's linked music festivals celebrate Brahms and others. Midsummer nights and intimate concerts in small towns by the sea. Umea Chamber Music Festival, June 15-19 (46.90.16.3466). Korsholm Music Festival. FIN-65610 Korsholm/Mustasaari, Fin-

land (358.61.322 2390) Venice: There are two biennales scheduled: one for

film (Aug 28-Sept 7: 39.41.5218711); the other for architecture in the international pavilions. The latter's theme is libraries. Architecture Biennale from

Sept 6: (Brett Rogers at the British Council 0171-389 3032)

JULY

Aix-en-Provence: The two operas in the court of the Archbishop's Palace are Mozart's Entführung and Handel's Semele. A dozen big concerts. Young talent in the cloisters. Chamber music everywhere.

July 12-30: Festival International d'Art Lyrique et de Musique, Palais de l'ancien Archeveche, F-13100 Aix-en-France Provence. (33,42173400)

Avignon: An arts fiesta which

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Eisenstadt, Prague Spring
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takes to the streets with the-July 1-31: Bayerische Staats-

oper, Munchner Opern-Festspiele, Postfach 101404, D-

80088 Munchen, Germany

Orange Opera: Summer

night song in the Roman

amphitheatre. Ruggero Rai-

mondi is Don Giovanni fol-

lowed by Verdi's La forza del

July 6-Aug 3: Choregies d'Orange, B.P. 205, F-84107 Orange Cedex, France

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July 20-Aug 31: Salzburger Festspiele, Postfach 140, A-

5010 Salzburg, Austria

Savonlinna: Operas and con-

certs in the courtyard of

Olavinlinna Castle. Wagner's

Tannhauser together with The

Flying Dutchman. The Mary-

July 6-Aug 3: Savonlinna Op-era Festival, Olavinkatu 27,

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Torre Del Lago Puccini. Luc-

ca: Puccini's operas by the

composer's villa. La Bohème,

Manon Lescaut and Turandot

on a stage that juts over the

July 20-Aug 17: (39.584.350567)

Vadstena Academy: New and

rare early operas in Vads-tena's Old Theatre within the

monastery walls and at Wasa

Castle. Georg Benda's Walder

with period instruments, then

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July 3-Aug 10: Before June 1

Vadstena Academy, Bergs-gatan 57, S-112 31 Stockholm,

Sweden (46.8.6526180); After

June 1: Vadstena Academy

Lastkopingsgatan, S-592 32

Verona: Summer opera rever-

berates round the splendid Roman arena: Zeffirelli's

Carmen alongside Aida,

Nabucco, Rossini's Barber of

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July 5-Sept 1: Ente Lirico

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Antibes-Juan-les-Plus: France's big jazz bash by the beach, a stone's throw from July 17-26: (33.92.905300)

atre, music and dance.

July 9-Aug 4: (33.90.826708)

Bayreuth: Immensely famous. Epic in scale. Wagner's operas in rotation. July 25-Aug 28: Bayreuther Festspiele GmbH, Postfach 100262, D-95402 Bayreuth, Germany (49.931.78780)

Bregenz: On Lake Constance with a floating stage, Bregenz celebrates its fifueth. Rare operas and new sounds. Chausson's King Arthur, Beethoven's Fidelio revived and a premiere from Georg Friedrich Haas. Orchestral concerts and drama from Berlin's Deutsches Theater.

July 20-Aug 23: Bregenzer Festspiele, Postfach 311, A-6901 Bregenz, Austria (43.5574.4920-223) Dubrovnik: Music, drama

and folk art in the nowpeaceful city. July 10-Aug 25: Dubrovnik Festival, P.O.Box 132, 20000 Croatia Dubrovnik. (385.20.412288)

Galway: Make merry with a medley of the arts. July 17-28: Galway Festival, P.O.Box 123, Galway, Ireland (353.91.583800)

Gstaad: Music among the Alps. Join founder Yehudi Menuhin in a giant tent and good company: Yuri Bashmet, Thomas Allen et al. On the side Carl Davis conducts the music for Chaplin movies. July 19-Sept 7: Musiksommer Gstaad-Saanenland, Menuhin Festival/Alpengala AG. Postfach 382, CH-3780 Gstaad, Switz.(41.30.48838)

stars. Daily crowds of 23,000. July 12-14: (31.15.2157756)

Kuhmo: Quality chamber music in the country. Kuhmo is a little town in the forests. Schumann, Brahms, modern music from Poland July 14-28: Kuhmo Festival. Torikatu 39, FIN-88900 Kuhmo, Finland (358.86.6520936)

Munich Bayerische: A grand feast of opera. David Pountney's Aida; Gunter Kramer's La Traviata; Cosi fan tutte from Dieter Dorn and Peter Schneider. Also Donizetti's Anna Bolena directed by Jonathan Miller. Meanwhile, Bayerische State Ballet dance to Luigi Nono. The Munich Film Festival (June 29-July 6: 49.89.3819040) overlaps.

Helsinki: A cocktail of the arts with a youthful spirit. Concerts, club evenings and movies in the festival tent. Aug 18-Sept 1: Helsinki Festival, Rauhankatu 7 E. FIN-00170 Helsinki, Finland (358.0.1354522)

AUGUST

Lorient: Celts amass in Brittany for the formidable Festival Interceltique: bagpipes, bombards, big folk rockers, filmmakers. The focus is on Ireland.

Aug 2-11: Festival Interceltique, 2 rue Paul-Bert, 50100 Lorient, France (33.97.212429)

Lucerne: Late summer in Switzerland with a concert a day, or two, or even three. From the New York Philharmonic to the Paris-based Les Arts Florissants. Aug 17-Sept 11: Internationale Musiksestworchen Luzern, Postsach, CH-6002 Luzern,

Switz. (41.41.2103562)

Pesaro Rossini: Rossini bequeathed his entire fortune to the town council in Pesaro where he was born. The place now revives his operas and music to international applause, often staging lesserknown works and uniting performers with the musicological experts. This year Riccardo e Zoraide, L'occasione fa il ladro, and the comic melodrama Matilde di

Shabran. Aug 10-24: Rossini Opera Festival, Via Rossini, 37, i-Pesaro, Italy (39.721.34473)

Utrecht Early Music: Medieval and baroque musicians invade Utrecht, milling between the canais and cafés. The Gabrieli Consort, the King's Noyse. Steve Reich offers a premiere based on old

sounds. Aug 30-Sept 8: Holland Festival Of Early Music Utrecht. Postbox 734, NL-3500 AS (31.30.2362236)

SEPTEMBER

Aarbus: Scandinavia's major multi-arts spree. There is a jazz festival in early July too. Sept 7-15: Aarhus Festival, Officersbygningen, DK-8000 Aarhus C. Denmark (45.89318270)

Berlin: A major event for classical music fans. Berlin's fine orchestras are joined by Andreas Schmidt, Vladimir Ashkenazy and Gunter Wand, Star recitals and chamber

Sept 2-30: Berliner Festspiele, GmbH, Postfach 301648, D-10748 Berlin, Germany (49.30.25489-250)

Biarritz: Every autumn this French resort is swamped in Latin America culture to coincide with the glittering film season. This year there are literary conversations with Carlos Fuentes, Gabriel Garcia Márquez, as well as exhibi-

Sept 26-Oct 6: (Office du tourisme, Square d'Exelles, 64200 Biarritz, France (33.59. 2237001

tions, music, cabaret. Surf the

Bruo: Czech orchestras and other European musicians meet for the Moravian Auturnn season. Two weekend concerts in castles. Before that the Easter Festival of Sacred

Music (until April 14). Sept 26-Oct 12: Brno International Music Festival, Ars/Koncert, Komenskeho nam. S, 60200 Brno, Czech Republic (42.5.42215116)

Eisenstadt: Amid the vineyards. Haydn is celebrated in Esterhazy Palace and the churches of Eisenstadt where he once lived. The Austro-Hungarian Haydn Orchestra is at the heart of the festival. A chance to see Philemon und Baucis staged with actors and marionettes, Trevor Pinnock wielding the baton. Sept 5-15: Schloss Esterhazy,

A-7000 Eisenstadt. Austria (43.2682.618660) Linz Brucknerfest: The Austrian maestro's music is aired

alongside Beethoven, Haydn, Eder and others. Sept 7-30: Linzer Veranstaltungsgeseilschaft (LIVA). Brucknerhaus, Postfach 57, A-Linz, 4010 Austria

Mondsee: Founded by Andras Schiff, this top-notch chamber music festival in the lakeside village of Mondsee contemplates Mendelssohn and the Second Viennese School. Concerts are in the restored Theatresaal amid the monastic buildings. Sept 6-14: Musiktage Mondsee, A-5310 Mondsee, Austria (43.6232.2270)

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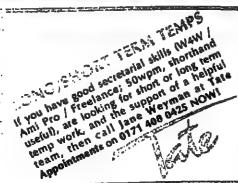
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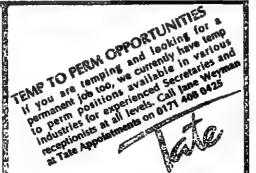
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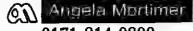
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Scotland mark McCoist milestone

McAllister hungry to make amends against Australia

By Kevin McCarra

GARY MCALLISTER was munching on chocolate chip cookies in his hotel room as the Scotland football squad whiled away the time before the international with Australia at Hampden Park tonight. Finding a sweet taste in his mouth was probably a relief after the Coca-Cola Cup final on Sunday, in which Aston Villa shamed his Leeds United team while beating them 3-0.

The biscuits were being fed to him by Ally McCoist, who will, purely for this evening, relieve him of the Scotland captaincy. The honour marks the occasion of McCoist's fiftieth cap, although McAllister joked that only the bribe of cookies persuaded him to agree to it. In other respects, McAllister has no intention of standing aside.

"From a selfish viewpoint, i am not suffering as much as the rest of the team because I

am with a fresh group so there is not much cause to mope. We

national career could face its

against Australia is uncon-

vincing. He will be assisted in

his work tonight by John Spencer, now with Chelsea

but once a colleague at Ibrox.

Scotland manager, suggested that there would be a rapport

between the two men, Spencer

was unsure of its basis. "I

think the understanding must

be off the pitch," he said. "Being in the reserves with

Rangers, I was more of a fan of McCoist than a team-mate.

I cleaned that mug's boots ten

years ago and now he's lend-

Spencer is appreciative, but

not awe-struck. Brown has

attempted to piece together a worldly team. With so many

absentees, he cannot field the

side that he will hope to deploy

all ten of Scotland's Euro 96

qualifiers, remains depend-

able in this context. "You

would put money on him performing for us," Brown

There are, by contrast, no

guarantees at all where

another Celtic player is con-cerned. With Colin Calder-

wood, of Tottenham Hotspur.

and Alan McLaren, of Rang-

ers, missing, Brian O'Neil makes his debut against Aus-

tralia. O'Neil. 23, a central

defender, suffered a serious

He is still completing his recovery and, with full fitness

and form yet to be found,

Celtic have not played him in

the past two weeks. O'Neil, however, has the rare talent,

for a Scot, of building play

from the back and his sheer

suitability for international

football has persuaded Brown

The greater demands, how-

ever, lie on other shoulders

this evening and McAllister, in particular, will have every

incentive to smite shots on

target. The Australia goal-

keeper is Mark Bosnich, of

to select him.

Aston Villa.

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ng me out for Scotland.'

Although Craig Brown, the

At 33, he can no longer be

Alan McDonald, 32, the

Northern Ireland captain,

echoed the sentiments. The

squad has matured remark-

ably and I can see us making

an impact," he said, on the eve

of his 52nd cap. "I still want to

be part of the set-up and,

in France is fraught with

danger — they also have to

play Germany, Portugal, Armenia and Albania in group

nine — but they remain buoy-

ant after their display in the

final European champion-

ship qualifier, against Austria in November, which they won

our confidence," Hamilton

said. "Everyone is determined

to continue where they left off

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changes from the side that

defeated Austria, with Mc-

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Hamilton happy to have options at last

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

THE countdown to each international football championship qualifying campaign brings brave talk and optimism in abundance. For Bryan Hamilton, the Northern Ireland manager, there is genuine reason to look on the brighter side of life — at last.

Northern Ireland open a series of three international matches, which also includes Sweden and Germany, when they play Norway at Windsor Park tonight. It is a testing programme before they begin their 1998 World Cup qualifiers against Ukraine, also in

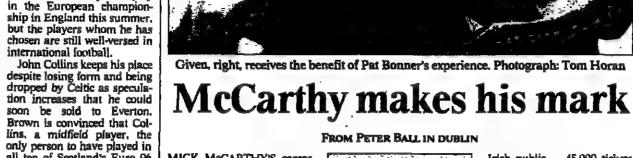
Belfast, on August 31. "Everything is now geared towards the World Cup and the game with Norway gives us the chance of making a strong start," Hamilton said. yesterday. "I don't have a nundred players to choose from, but I now have options. There are no automatic choices any more, which has got to be a good thing.

'We are developing and progressing all the time, the younger players are coming through and the spirit is excellent. Everybody will get a chance over the three matches to show what they can do, and I think that even the supporters are now beginning to believe in us and expect us to do something."

fancied our chances on Sunday, even though Villa were favourites, but we did not play "However, I have never

been one to look back, on success or failure. There are no mental scars. With Leeds, I want us to play well and end the season in style, With Scotland, in the European championship finals, there is plenty to look forward to."

In a squad reduced by the withdrawal of five players. McAllister constitutes a point of continuity. McCoist, too, is experienced, but, while the fiftieth appearance will see his portrait hung in the Scottish Football Association's hall of fame, he must take care that the milestone does not also prove a headstone.



MICK McCARTHY'S career as Ireland football manager began yesterday as Jack Charlton's had ended — in a Dublin bar. There, the similarities ended. Charlton said his farewells in the plush surroundings of his own pub in the city centre; McCarthy announced his team for the match against Russia at Lansdowne Road this evening in the snug of McDowell's, in the workaday suburb of

Inchicore. McCarthy held his press conference there after being forced to move training from a saturated Lansdowne Road. Instead, the players trained in the more basic surroundings of Richmond Park, the home of St Patrick's Athletic, the League of Ireland, leaders, beside the banks of the River Camac.

Even the training showed that a new era was underway. Paul McGrath, back on the ground where he began his career, but in a full morning, and the training itself included games of "keep ball" and an emphasis on passing, a radideparture from the Chariton approach.

SCOTLAND (4-4-2): J Leighton (Histernian)
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League Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Bostorf United v Leek.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol Rovers v Watlord; Charlion v Ipswich (? 0); Odord Utd v Norwich.

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LEAGUE OF WALES: Porthmadog v Lansantifrad (7 45) Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Cermefron v Connel's Outry (7.45)
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Irish public - 45,000 tickets TEAMS had been sold yesterday. However, although the pass-ing of Nikiforov and Onopka IRELAND (3-4-1-2): 8 Given (Sunderland)
— P McGreth (Aston Villa), A Kernaghan
(Manchoster City), 8 Staumton (Aston
Villa) — J McAleer (Liverpool), R Keane
(Manchester United), A Townsend (Aston
Villa), T Phetan (Chelsoa) — M Kennedy
(Liverpool) — J Alchidge (Tranmere
Rovers), N Quinn (Manchester City). and the pace of Kanchelskis and Tsimbalar will provide attractive opposition, most in-

RUSSIA (probebie) D Kharina (Cheisse)

— Y Kovitum (Dynamo Moscow), O
Tetradza (Spartak Moscow), V Onopka
(Real Ovado), I Teknibalar (Spartak Moscow), A Kanchelstike (Eventon), V
Karpin (Real Socadad), I Simutankov
(Reggana), D Radchenka (Deportvo La
Contral (Kohumov (Sports))

FROM PETER BALL IN DUBLIN

and Phelan employed in their club positions as wing backs. McGrath and Staunton, who have played in the system for Aston Villa, will be joined, at the heart of the defence, by Alan Kernaghan in the absence of Phil Babb.

Not all the changes are enforced. Shay Given, richly-promising Blackburn Rovers goalkeeper, gets a first cap after starting the week in the under-21 squad. There is also a fourth cap for Mark Kennedy, like Given, 19, who was moved up from the under-

2l squad only yesterday. With Oleg Romanisev, the Russia coach, able to call on all his overseas players, it promises to be a fascinating experiment, and one that has caught the imagination of the terest is centred on McCar-

With Keane and Townsend giving solid purpose to midfield, and a system geared to the talents available, there is optimism that a new beginning is underway. The selection of Given was almost inevitable once Alan Kelly dropped out. The choice of Kennedy was more surpris-

ing. "He's playing in midfield, but he's expected to get involved with the front two," McCarthy said. "His role is to get on the ball and be creative, a bit like Steve McManaman at Liverpool."

comes at a good time for Kennedy. He won his three cans in the autumn playing wide on the left, but his only start for Liverpool this season was in December, "I'm frustrated at Liverpool but realistic." Kennedy said. "This is a big chance for me. I want to do well for Mick and for Ireland, but it is just as important that Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, is coming to watch the game."

Brolin and Yeboah seem likely to move from Leeds

By DAVID MADDOCK

SEVERAL candidates for the post of coach to the England national football team have turned down the job because of the stress that goes with the territory. Howard Wilkinson, the manager of Leeds United. presumably, is not one of

Not only is he under intense pressure from the club's supporters, but also he learnt last night that he is almost certain to lose his two most expensive players at the end of the season, if not before. Enduring the odd "turnip" headline might seem a positive picnic by comparison.

Despite the growing clamour from large sections of the Elland Road crowd for Wilkinson to depart in the wake of defeat in the Coca-Cola Cup final on Sunday, he yesterday received backing from Leslie Silver, the chairman. Silver sees no reason why Wilkinson should not remain in control next season. If that is the case, then Wilkinson will have to manage without Tomas Brolin and, almost certainly, Anthony Yeboah.

Brolin wants to leave, four months after his £4.5 million transfer from Parma. "I think the time has come for me to find another club," he said before flying to Stockholm for talks with his agent. Yeboah, the exciting Ghana international who is the club's top scorer with 19 goals, also flew out of the country yesterday, en route to Brazil for an international date.

Joachim Leukel, his agent. admitted that Yeboah was now considering strongly the possibility of a move. "Leeds are a nothing club at the moment and Tony is very unhappy with what is a very bad situation — it is a real problem that he will not be in

Europe next season," he said. Francis Lee, the Manchester City chairman, expressed concern yesterday about reports linking Georgiou Kinkladze, his Georgia international, with continental clubs. "I am convinced these rumours are being put about by one of our Premiership rivals." Lee said. They want to make Kinkladze unsettled in the hope that they can sign him." IN BRIEF

Britain take control with late flurry

THE Great Britain women's hockey team swept to an 8-2 victory over France at Bisham Abbey yesterday as they continued their build-up to the Olympic Games (Alix Ramsay writes). However, despite fielding a stronger side than England put out to beat France 2-0 on Sunday, Britain took a long time to wear down

a determined France defence.
The deadlock was broken after 15 minutes when Sixsmith forced the ball home, but Picard equalised five minutes before the break. Atkins put Britain ahead early in the second half only for France to draw level again through Picard. As France tired, Britain McDonald (2), Fraser (2), Simpson and Robertson.

Morgan shines

Snooker: Alan McManus. who ended 17 months without a tournament win by lifting the Thailand Open ten days ago, was surprisingly beaten 6-4 by Darren Morgan in the first round of the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters at Goffs, Co Kildare, yesterday.

McManus won the first frame, but was never ahead again as Morgan stole the second on the black after trailing 68-11 and accounted for the third with a break of 101. Morgan took the fifth and sixth frames with late runs of 67 and 49 and rounded off his best performance of the season with breaks of 83 and 86.

Cook appointed

Football: Mitch Cook, 34, was last night appointed director of coaching at Scarborough. Cook replaces Ray McHale, who resigned on Monday. McHale stays on as general manager under Cook, but Don O'Riordan has been released from coaching duties.

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Eton excel

Rackets: Eton crowned a fine season by taking the first and second pairs' senior doubles titles in the public schools championships, to add to the senior singles that they won in December. Neal Bailey, the singles champion, teamed up with Patrick Wigan to take the

IOC braced for flood of positive drug tests

DEREK CASEY, the director general of the Sports Council, is optimistic that a highresolution mass-spectrometer drug-testing apparatus, similar to that to be used by the Atlanta laboratory during the centenary Olympic Games this year, should become available to British sport dur-

ing the next two weeks.
The case of Diane Modahl, who was cleared by the Inter-national Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) on Monday, 21 months after her positive test in Lisbon, Portugal, has made the Sports Council and British Olympic Association anxious that foolproof random testing, equivalent in standard to that in Atlanta, should be utilised before the Games.

Sport faces a financial crisis on drug testing. In Great Britain, many sports other than athletics would have been bankrupted by an inci-dent such as that of Modahl. who is suing the British Athletic Federation (BAF) for £480,000 in costs and damages. Yet the new International Olympic Committee (IOC) testing apparatus, approved for Atlanta at an executive board meeting this month, is as much as ten times more sensitive than the previous

The threat facing all national Olympic committees is that the new system has the potential to reveal dozens, if not hundreds, of positive cases in Atlanta. Subsequent challenges in the courts by competitors could prove financially catastrophic to sport.

Tony Ward, the spokesman for the BAF, said yesterday: "We welcome, as always, any system that catches steroid cheats, but sport has to have an arbitration court in order to avoid punitive legal costs."

The IOC has such a court, but the BAF is contesting with IAAF the costs of the Modahl case, caused by imperfections of procedure at the Lisbon

Casey said yesterday that testing apparatus comparable to Atlanta's is available in Britain within the pharmaco-logical industry. "We need a temporary but dedicated machine for use prior to the Games," he said. "It's not a matter of if, but when. We should have a decision soon."

Professor Arne Ljungqvist, a leading figure on the IAAF and IOC medical commissions, confirmed that improved testing will threaten every competitor who takes a risk at the forthcoming Games. There could be a flood of positive tests as the new equipment, he says, is far more sensitive, thanks to increased cell magnification. "We are improving, and can analyse a lower level, and over a longer period [retroactive ly]," Ljungqvist said.

It may, therefore, already be too late for some competitors taking illegal performanceenhancing drugs to cease in order to be "clean" for the Games during the last two weeks of July. "If competitors don't understand that we have improved, they will have miscalculated." Ljungqvist said. On the evidence of analysis

using the new apparatus last year in weightlifting, steroid testing is now between three and ten times as effective. Ljungqvist says that it will be helpful for the Atlanta organisers to adopt a positive rather than negative response, velcoming the technological breakthrough by promoting "a clean Olympics".

Billy Payne, the president of the Atlanta organising committee, while saying "we favour all measures to create a level playing field", is understandably alarmed at the prospect of the centenary Games being marred by wholesale positive tests.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, thinks that the short-term adverse publicity of multiple positives will, in the long term, be beneficial. After the executive board decision to introduce the testing, he said: "Where the equipment is available, what would the public say if we did not use

As Kevan Gosper, an IOC executive board member, observed, the objective is to



Allan Border, the former Australia captain, makes his final appearance for Queensland, the Sheffield Shield holders, who went down to Victoria by five wickets at the Melbourne Cricket Ground yesterday

Doctored greens end home bias

FROM DAVID RHYS JONES IN ADELAIDE

WHEN Steve Boylan, of the Austra-lian Broadcasting Corporation, asked Rowan Brassey, of New Zealand, why he had lost 25-9 to Sammy Allen, of ireland, in the world outdoor bowls singles championship here yesterday, Brassey replied: "At times. I thought I was back at

However highly English bowlers may rate the sacred turf at their impressive headquarters at Beach House Park, Brassey's remark was not meant as a compliment. Like most Antipodean competitors, he was unsuited by the lush greens at Worthing, where the 1992 championships were played and where the home countries won most of the

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JENNIFER CAPRIATI'S impres-

sive comeback was ended by

Gabriela Sabatini in the fourth

round of the Lipton tennis champi-

onships in Key Biscayne, Florida, on

Monday night. Sabatini. combining

spin and aggression, proved too

consistent for Capriati, who was

playing only her third tournament

after a two-year absence, and took

With breaks of service in the first.

fifth and seventh games of the

second set, Sabatini raced to a 5-2

the first set 6-1 in 26 minutes.

medals. Four years on, the Australians and New Zealanders were confident of cutting "the Poms" down to size under home conditions. No wonder he was disappointed.

The World Bowls Board, in its wisdom, has decreed that United Kingdom greens, which run slower than 12 seconds, and Australian ones, which run faster than 17 seconds, provide home competitors with an unfair advantage, and have directed greenkeepers at the Lockleys Centre here to keep the greens at a modest 14 seconds. Strange as it may seem, the faster the green, the longer the ball takes to reach the jack.

Brassey feels that artificial watering has made the greens more

Sabatini halts Capriati's progress

lead, but Capriati mounted a valiant

effort to stay in the match and

recovered to trail only 5-4. Serving

for the match, Sabatini hit three

double faults but pulled herself

together to claim the set 6-4.
"I was surprised how well Jennifer

was playing so soon after a long break," Sabatini said. "I had to play

a great match to beat her." Capriati

was delighted with her own perfor-

mance. "I feel like I'm back," she

Steffi Graf, the No I seed, played

impeccably to brush aside Mary Joe

Fernandez, the No 9 seed, 6-1, 6-0 in

said. "It was just like old times."

difficult to play, especially for competitors from the southern hemi-sphere. Although he led 7-3, he was never happy. From 8-8, Allen scored 17 shots to Brassey's one, then disarmingly and unscientifically defined the secret of his success. "I just kept plonking them around the jack,

and Rowan kept missing," he said. Later, Allen failed to cope with the flair of Richard Corsie, the favourite to win the title, but recovered from 6-20 to 16-20 before Corsie got home, 25-17. Tony Allcock, the defending champion, maintained his unbeaten record, as did Kelvin Kerkow, the

well it went," Graf said. "I felt like I

could hit whatever I wanted to."

Graf meets Kimiko Date, of Japan,

In the men's event, Andre Agassi,

the No 3 seed, survived a scare to

best Jean-Philippe Fleurian, of

France, ranked No 115 in the world,

Stefan Edberg, in his final season,

advanced to the fourth round with a

6-4, 6-2 victory over Nicolas Pereira,

of Venezuela. It is the first time this

year that Edberg, from Sweden, has won three matches in succession.

in the quarter-finals.

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Today's Olympian sacrifices fun for richer pickings

MIDWEEK VIEW

SIMON

BARNES

Kieren Perkins who can swim awfully fast. So fast, that he is regarded as a shoo-in for the Olympic Games 1,500 metres freestyle. He is world champion and world record-holder at the distance. He is charming. Australian and adored.

He also faces a legal bill of A\$100,000 (about £52,000) for suing the sponsor of the Australian swimming team. The company in question is called Telstra; the team has been obligingly, not to say ingratiat-ingly, called Telstra Dolphins.

Not surprisingly, Telstra was keen to exploit its investment, and it did so by using a picture of the team's hottest property. Its choice. inevitably, was the lovely Perkins, iron man of the pool, living national treasure, etc., etc.

Perkins was not happy about this, because nobody asked his

permission. So, he sued. Alas, he lost, hence the six-figure legal bill; but it will not ruin him. Perkins has plenty of dollars: he even has his own television

This is simply a tale of modern sporting life. It is absurd, naturally, but it is not really all that exceptional. Perkins is not a monster of greed, just a person at the top of a fiendishly

exacting trade . . . but let us zip-pan to Judy Grinham. Remember her? She won the Olympic gold medal for the 100 metres backstroke in 1956. She was given the same time as an American - Imin 12.9sec but was awarded the race on a judge's decision. She has never received any official honour, the only British swimmer with an Olympic title to have been

In 1958, she was asked to do an advertisement in which she was to make a cake with margarine instead of butter and show how much easier life was with marge. In short, free money. She turned it down. Last week, at an Olympic centenary dinner with other British Olympic swimmers, she gazed with mild bewilderment at the monster that modern sport has become. For such as Perkins, sport is a business and a tough one - a vehicle for vaulting ambition, everlasting fame and

pots of money.

Grinham still says that she never competed for anything except personal enjoyment. Fun. She expected, and expects, no reward. She is not even the remotest bit self-

the swimmers themselves. "People don't seem to enjoy things as much," she said. They seem too serious. Bobby Charlton once said that he didn't mind too much if opponents went past him, because he could then have the pleasure of watching a skilful player score a magnificent goal. You wouldn't hear that today. It's

Indeed it is. An Olympic swimming final is glory for one, despair for seven others. It is no sideshow, set apart from real life; real lives and real destinies depend on a few splashes. The higher the stakes, the greater the despair; the greater the elation, the more compelling the spectacle - and the less fun for competitors.

The concept of fun - perhaps the first motivator for all sport - has reached vanishing point. "I simply don't know if I'd

survive these days," Grinham said. "I'm still that 'naive and unsophisticated teenager from Neasden', as someone once described me.*

Grinham once protested to the udges on the subject of disqualification. She was not disqualified and she should have been, because she failed to touch the

wall on a turn. She was gently told: "Judy, worry about when we disqualify you when you haven't done anything wrong."

A nice story; but such stories abound in their times, as Perkins stories do today. From here, it is a short to step to a blanket condemnation of modern athletes, modern sport, modern money; to heap bile upon the world's legion of Perkinses who will descend on Atlanta this summer to give their polished press conferences, their best profiles to camera, and to seek everlasting glory, eternal fame, and enough millions to pay as many legal bills as they will face.

Blame the athletes? One might as well blame the weathercock for the wind. Why cannot sport be like it was? Might as well yearn for the Pleistocene era and sigh for the

days of the woolly mammoth.

Dollo's law: evolution is irreversible: structures and functions, once lost, cannot be regained. So far as modern Olympians are concerned. the lost structure or function is fun. "I can't say that the vast sums of money now are wrong," Grinham said, "it's just different. I never lived

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT Most of the play developed automatically on this hand from the 1995 New Orleans Nationals, but there was one point at which the declarer had to keep his wits about him. He was Ben Zeidenberg, who, at 21, won one of the main team events.

North-South game

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Dealer East

East opened with a weak Two Hearts and North-South then bid to Four Spades. After holding the first trick. West accurately switched to a diamond. Dummy's ten won the trick, and Zeidenberg played a spade to the king and ace. West gave his partner a dia-mond ruff. This was the critical point — it might seem natural for the declarer to play low on this diamond, but Zeidenberg carefully un-blocked the king. Now, a second heart came back, won in dummy. The declarer then ran all the trumps, finishing in hand. This was the ending (see diagram).

As you can see, the thoughtful unblock in diamonds allowed Zeidenberg to cash his diamond winners ending in dummy (via the marked finesse). In the two-card ending, East was unable to keep

both a heart winner and the

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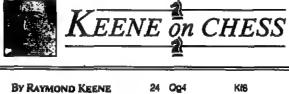
By Philip Howard

CHINESE BARRAGE a. Very lights b. A flank attack c. Deceptive shelling

BICORNE a. A corporal of horse b. A silly hat c. A French dragoon

BLACK BOB a. A regimental haircut b. A German howitzer c. A General WIMPY a. Wellington b. A poor soldier c. Iron field rations

White to play. This position is from the game Alekhine -Prat, Paris, 1913. Here, Alekhine launched a brilliant combination that drew the black king out into the open and led to a forced checkmate. What did he play?



CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Challenger defeated In the Euwe Memorial tournament in Amsterdam, Garry Kasparov moved into the shared lead by defeating Viswanathan Anand, the Indi-

an grandmaster, his challenger from New York last year. Kasparov, very much in the style of Alexander Alekhine, his hero, offered an obscure pawn sacrifice for unclear attacking chances. Just as Kasparov's queenside and centre appeared to be on the verge of collapse, he crashed through on the king's flank

and forced a winning king and

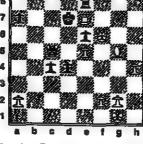
pawn endgame. This was one of Kasparov's most inspired

White: Garry Kasparov Black: Viswanathan Anand

Amsterdam, March 1996 Caro-Kann Defence e4 d4 exd5 255 266 267 267 264 253 267 268 268 267 c4 Nc3 Bg5 N13 12 0-0 bxc5 Bd7 Bxe5 Rb8

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Diagram of final position



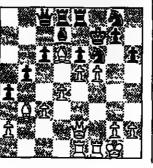
tion 36, ... Rxe7: 37, Qxe7+ Qxe7; 38, Bxe7 Kxe7; 39, Kfl d3; 40, Kel c3; 41, h5 Kf7; 42, g4. In this position, although Black's pawns appear, on the surface to be more dangerous. White's king holds them at bay. Meanwhile, Black has no defence to the plan of f4 and f5 creating a series of passed pawns that the black king cannot stop.

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Should he win. Cigar will cross the line separating great horses from the sublime. The plaudits have been almost grudging despite Cigar's outstanding sequence, in which he has treated opponents with disdain. This is his chance to drive home the message.

There is an intangible, magical quality about great racehorses. It drips from them like the liquid gold to have made this contest possible. Sheikh Mohammed alluded to it on Monday when fondly reminiscing of Lammtarra: "Sometimes, before he went to gallop, he would just stop. He would be still, just looking around. I don't know why. Maybe he was telling the other

horses he was the best." It is as well for the sheikh's four runners that Cigar has not set eyes on them since his arrival. The horse has been quarantined but his daily exercise has become familiar. To-



Julian Muscat watches a great champion in rehearsal for his most challenging performance

Allen Paulson, the horse's owner, conceded the point, "The track is a little deep, but it

will be the same for every

horse. We won't use it as an

excuse if he is beaten." Bill

Mott, who trains Cigar, adopts an admirably similar

line, although he ventured of

another American runner:

"Soul Of The Matter is going

to be very tough to beat."
Intriguingly, Soul Of The
Matter, brittle of hoof, is

Such concerns render

prophecies of the outcome like

tilting at windmills. Pentire,

trained in Newmarket by

Geoff Wragg, has thrived

since he journeyed here last month. This quick-actioned

colt is best on a fast turf

surface; whether he can cope

with these conditions must be

open to doubt. Needle Gun,

who completes the British

challenge, is rated a 100-1 shot, although that has not damp-

ened the enthusiasm of his

proven in deep sand.

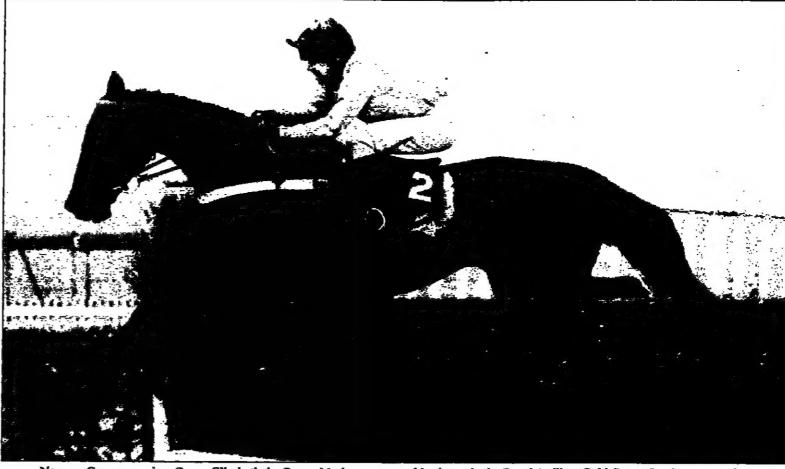
gether with his pony. Snowball. Cigar takes to the track. walks to the winning post and stands motionless, surveying his kingdom. Only then does he consent to work.

Cigar's appearance yesterday suggested he knows the day is near. He was on his toes, prancing, boasting, delighting the photographers. Let loose, he obeyed his rider's restraint while making plain his readiness for the task. He looked like a coiled spring. These were marvellous, private moments with a thoroughbred in his prime.

Nevertheless, to indulge Cigar in morning tranquil is to lose sight of his objective. He must prove himself on the track, which, in itself, will ask serious questions of him in the opening strides. The dirt surface at Nad Al Sheba, more demanding than he has previously encountered, could sap Cigar dry, particularly if the rains extend to today. The odds are metaphorically against him, even if he is

trainer, Clive Brittain. Australia, represented by Danewin, and Japan, by Livefavoured by the bookmakers. ly Mount, appear less menacing than Godolphin's fourpronged challenge, fronted by Halling and Tamayaz. The latter, with a pedigree to excel

on dirt. is improving fast. Doubtless Sheikh Mohammed is plotting an ambush in the finest Bedouin tradition. For all his competitive spirit, however, the only satisfactory outcome is for Cigar to transpose his brilliance from home soil to Dubai, which promotes itself as a gateway to the



Norman Conqueror gives Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother a memorable victory in the Royal Artillery Gold Cup at Sandown yesterday

lorman Conqueror earns royal favour

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

A CHANGE in the entry rules for the Royal Artillery Gold Cup Steeplehcase enabled the Queen Mother to enjoy the 413th success of her career yesterday - and one of the most exciting

The conditions were altered to allow Colonels-in-Chief of regiments other than the Royal Artillery to have a runner and racing's most popular owner was on hand to see her silks carried to a four-length success by Major Ollie Ellwood on Norman

However, the 6-4 on favourite ooked anything but the winner turning out of the back staight and was struggling in third place, a good 15 lengths behind True Steel. Despite jumping into second place at the Pond Fence, the leader still appeared be-

yond recall but as he tired and blundered at the final obstacle, Norman Conqueror surged into the lead and powered up the Sandown hill. Norman Conqueror, who won the

Grand Military Gold Cup at the Esher course earlier this month, is the first

HICHARD EVANS

Nap: PEGGY SPENCER (3.25 Catterick) Next best: Deadline Time (5.00 Catterick)

horse to have won both races in the same season and a clearly delighted owner braved chill winds to talk to the horse's trainer, Tim Thomson Jones, and his lad, Jimmy McLelland, before

The winner is entered in the Irish National, a race in which the Oueen Mother has never had a runner, but he is unlikely to be take part. Thomson Jones said: "He's a quirky

horse and if he's not up with the pace he switches himself off, which is what happened today. The jockey gave him an unbelievable ride from the water jump to get him back into the race.

The Queen Mother was absolutely

delighted. It is rather nice in the first year she was allowed to have a runner to have a horse that was eligible and good enough for the race." Earlier in the day Mick Fitzgerald found himself "jocked off" Rough Ouest, the favourite for the Grand

National on Saturday, but he was not complaining. The jockey had been due to ride out the Cheltenham Gold Cup runner-up for his trainer, Terry Casey, yesterday. "Terry wanted to ride the

horse himself because he knows him very well and I agree with him. No-one is better than Terry at telling you how the horse is and 1

spoke to him afterwards and he was

absolutely chuffed to bits with him." Fitzgerald has ridden in the Grand National only once before and fell at the first fence. Although Rough Quest is a form "certainty". judged on his Cheltenham performance, the affable Irishman is well aware the defeats of horses with similar or better credentials - such as Master Oats, Garrison Savannah and Cool Ground - underpins the special test posed by Aintree.

"The National is still unique. It is not just an ordinary race and I don't care what anyone else says about the effect of modifying the fences. If Rough Quest gets round he's got a great chance. He'll get the trip — the biggest problem is the 30 fences."

CHEPSTOW

9 (9) 15142-2 TORPENTIAL 74 (F.G.S) (F.M.R.M) S bit Surfor (IAE) 4-8-11 10 (10) 361452 NEELE SUN 708 (F.G.) (S Macana C Bretain (GB) 6-8-12 11 (11) 111211- PENTIRE 200 (F.G) (Moltes Racing) G Wange (GB) 4-8-11

BIG-RACE FIELD

3.00 DUBAI WORLD CUP (£1,548,387: 1m 2f dirl) (11 runners)

2.00 Potentate 3.40 Desperate 4.10 All Clear 2.35 Hag's Way

3.10 Mariner's Air Carl Evans: 4.40 Goolds Gold.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES)

2.00 BEAGLES NOVICES HURDLE (52,472: 2m 110yd) (13 runners)

BETTING: 6-4 Potentale 2-1 Green Crystoler, 6-1 Team Savior 10-1 Shy Paddy, 14-1 Runic Symbol, 16-1 others 1995 KILLOWE ARROT 6-11-8 J Dutorce (15-8 lev) J Old 23 mg

FORM FOCUS

GREEN CRUSADER 211 9th of 21 to Indefence in grade I Caroon Supreme Novices Hurdle at Cheresham (2m 110vd, good to 2dt) with POTENTATE 121 14th POTENTATE beat Lord Rooble 151 m maden hurdle over course and distance (coli) on ponultimate start. TWIN SAUCH 8°s1 4th to Nasone

4,40 HOLLAND HOUSE (nap)

2.35 ANVIL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (23,071, 2m 31 110yd) (10 runners) PAPER EDDA 11 (0 Yard) | Bailey 6-11-10 | Turning (10 Minings) (10 Minings) | Turning (10 Minings) | Peru EDDA 11 (0 Yard) | Bailey 6-11-10 | Turnings (10 Minings) | Turnings (10 Minings) | Peru EDDA 11 (0 Minings) | Peru EDDA 11 (0 Minings) | Peru EDDA 11 (0 Minings) | Peru EDDA 11-10 | Peru EDDA 1

Long transicap. Damicada 9-11 Billy Barler 9-11 Dumecia View 9-1 BETTIMG, 5-2 Jacon's Boy, 7-2 Olderff Wood, 4-1 Hog's Woy, 5-1 Edwar, 7-1 Florey Truth, 10-1 Ressell Dates, 12-1 Carelero, 16-1 piters

1995 LLACCA SAM 6-10-7 N Wilhamson (3-1) M Eddey 11 mm

FORM FOCUS

RUSSELL DALUS 41 Cnd of 10 to Carrigren Lad at connect hundle at Stratford (2m & 110)x, good to farm), Apr 1933, HAB'S WAY best chase eiten, best Sugar Hall 25th an 10-currier matter chase at Sought Hall 25th an 10-currier matter chase at Carrier to 10 to Perusian Gate in movies bandleagh to 10 to Remain Gate in Bandleagh and 2m of 17 to North Samula in resident chase at Lingfield (2m), 20th 10 to 10 to

3.10 FARRIER HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,716 2m 4! 110)d) (9 numbers) 24-0P63 SUM SURFER 25 (E.S.) (S. Sanethur) I Forster 8-12-0
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5 Hogges (3) 94

Long handicap Allcoran Bay 9-13. Country Store 9-12 Silver Standard 9-10. BETTING, 5-2 Manner's Ap. 4-1 Sun Surfer. 5-1 Tickerty's Grit, 5-5 Millionan Buy 7-1 Landes Gentry. But Many. B-1 Saher Standard. 12-1 others. 1995 HOPS AND POPS 8-11-5 A Magune (7-4 las) R Almer 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

SLRI SURFER 8/41 3rd of 11 to Lyring Evez in hardicap hurdle at Warsnet, 12m 4l 110yd, good hardicap hurdle at Warsnet, 12m 4l 110yd, good hardicap hurdle at Lingfield (2m 3l 110yd, soil) KLLCDRAM BAY 26t Market (2m 3l 110yd, soil) KLLCDRAM B



CHEPSTOW SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 55 winners from 207 runners, 26 6%; N Twision-Davies, 20 from 98, 20 4%; C Brooks, 5 from 31, 16 1%, J Edwards, 4 from 25, 16 0%, K Barley, 3 from 19, 15 8%, T Forster, 8 from 54, 14 8%; R Alner, 4 from 27, 14 8%; A Turnell, 4 from 32, 12 5%. JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 32 winners from 119 ndes, 26 9%; A P McCoy, 9 from 36, 25 0%; G Bradley, 9 from 36, 25 0%; J Lower, 8 from 37, 21 6%; C Lewellyn, 16 from 93, 17.2%, W Marston, 8 from 47, 17 0%; D Bridgwater, 9 from 57, 15.8%.

BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Catterick Bridge: 2 20 Chiltern. 3.25 Everset 5 00 Four Weddings Chepstow: 3.40 Kent-rsh Piper. Lingfield Paric 2 45 Durham, Sussex Gorse 4 50 Persian Haze.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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3.40 PARDUBICE HANDICAP CHASE (23,758; 3m) (11 runners) 1-2121F SISTER STEPHANE 18 (BF.G.S) (National Posts) 6 McCourt 7-11-10... 6 McCourt 96

Long handicap: Holy Sting 9-9 BETTBRG: 11-4 State Septemia, 9-2 Desperato, 6-1 Bowl Of Outs. 7-1 Shamerphil, 8-1 Kartish Piper, Distractive 10-1 Woodlands Boy, 12-1 others. 1986: MR FLANAGAN 9-11-2 G Bradley (13-2) C Brusts 12 um FORM FOCUS

SSTER STEPHANE felt test wino disputing lead in 7-transa corriors handicap chase won by Major Bell over course and distance (good to soft). Earlier 14 2nd of 8 to Billygost 6 fortill in cover; classe at Towcester (2m 11, soft) with HOLY STING (23b better of) 11/3rd 6 FOWL OF CAITS best effort risk season, head 2nd of 9 to K C's Denoer in americans handicap chase at Chelizosham (3m 11 110pd, good to learn in handicap chase at Towcester (3m 11, good) better of) 129rd 5tb. SHAMARPHIL to be the major of the Statemen in handicap chase at Towcester (3m 11, good) selection: SSTER STEPHANE

4.10 COURT SELLING HURDLE (£2,038: 2m 110yd) (10 runners) SETTING: 7-4 All Clear, 9-4 Kasteri, 7-2 Forcing Two, 6-1 Xin's Resa, 14-1 Chompor, What's The Jobe, 16-1 offices

1995: IL BAMENO 7-10-13 M Appleby (5-1) H Monners 18 cm

ALL CLEAR best Lake Karbs 256f in 12-numer novices' landicap burdle at Taunton (2m 11, good to soft) on perultiroate start KADARI completed double, best Bushetr 21 in 17-numer conditional occlesy's setting bandicap hurdle at Barrow (2m 11, pood): DARILIS THE GREAT unesated rider 2nd. WHAT'S THE GREAT unesated rider 2nd. WHAT'S THE Leavest, FORCHES TWO stort-head 2nd of 10 to to bandicap bandle at Folkestona (2m 11 110xd, good to soft) an arealiser rider. Setting hurdle at Townsester (2m, good to soft) and to soft Setting 1 1 1 10xd, good to soft on perultirose start with CHOWPOR (13b) Selection: ALL CLEAR (map)

4.40 EARTHSTOPPERS HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,744: 3m) (10 runners)

SETTING: 9-4 Copyru Hill. 11-4 Holland House, 7-2 Soulds Gold, 8-1 Homorpasson, Percy Throner. 10-1 Lighten The Load, 16-1 My Medium Man, 20-1 others.

1895: HOLLAND HOUSE 9-11-3 C Vigues (8-4 ter) P Chamlege 16 cm FORM FOCUS

COOME HILL book Somologipsy 307 in 5-numer hunter chase at Wincardon (3m 11 11byd, good to farm) HOLLARD HOUSE 1954 5th of 17 to Engine Lord in Christes Fedurators Clause at Challenham (3m 21 11byd, good) with GOOLDS GOLD (5b better of) 294 6th. Previously best Recognited (3m, heavy). HOWARY ASIAN completed double, beat All Wesper Better with Complete Wesper Wesp

5.10 LEVY BOARD STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE

140 ST MELISMO DRIVE 14 (S) SX Mellion Estates Lidt M Pins 6-11-8 D Britisposter 8002YS DREAM (6 Legg) K Comingham-Brown 5-11-2 . A P Bricoy CO-10 MRNWYS MOLE 123 (Bream Ltd) Estates For 5-11-2 . W Hamphreys REAL ALE (The Mars Ale Rectary Pinss) P Webber 6-11-2 . Mr P Scott (7) SHESCE, 5 (Branch & Brookisch C Brooks 5-11-2 . Mr P Scott (7) SHESCE, 5 (Branch & Brookisch C Brooks 5-11-2 . Mr P Scott (7) SHESCE, 5 (Branch & Brookisch C Brooks 5-11-2 . Mr P Scott (7) SHESCE, 5 (Branch & Brooks C Brooks 5-11-2 . Mr P Scott (7) SHESCE, 5 (Branch & Brooks C Brooks 5-11-2 . Mr Marshard C Brooks 5-11-2 . Mr Marshard ML LING BROOK (6 Liczes) J Brooks 6-10-11 . Mr Marshard ML LING BROOK (6 Liczes) J Brooks 7-10-41 . Mr Marshard R Forman THE CROOKED DAK (Mrs. S Route) L Court 4-10-41 . D Burdows (7) S McMelli L RAGGY LANG (Mrs. S Route) L Residence 4-10-8 . J F Titley CAS Malling Dates 3-1 Shapita 2-2 Destroys 14-1 Rest Ale Malling Brook, 18-1 Tue BETTING: 5-4 St Mollion Divis. 3-1 Studiels. 7-2 Chambleson Brook, 14-1 Real Ale. Milling Brook, 18-1 True Rhymne, Chief Inspiration, 25-1 others

FORM FOCUS

ST MELLION DRIVE 211 9th of 24 to Whiter Or Whiter Or Which to grade 1 81 National Hain Flat race at MCLE 271 test of 9 to Busies Bob at National Chelleriann (2m 110)d, good to soft) Proviously Hain Flat race at Warneth (2m, good) 113-3 (th of 24 to Mighty Micros in National Hain! Salection: ST MELLION DRIVE

TESTERDAYS RESULTS

Sandown Park Going: good to soft, heavy in pla

2.10 (2m ch) 1, Callisse Bay (J Osborne 4-7 lav); 2, Perhaps (13-8); 3, Perhaps Pes (25-1); 3 ran, 22, 44 O Sherwood, Tote £1-80- DF, £1 20. CSF, £1 70. 2.45 (2m 4i 110yd ch) 1, incheallio Durwoody, 11-4); 2, Maremme Gaie (t 3, 'Herwell Lad (11-4) Falmouth Bey 2.15 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Norman Conqueror (Mijor O Elwood, 4-6 lsv), 2, True Steel (9-2); 3, Cool And Essy (17-2). 8 rm NR: Magaood, 44, 128. T Thomson Jones Tole: 51.70; 51.20, 51.10, 51.80. DF: 52.80 Tho-55.20. CSF 53.82.

25:20. CSP* E3.62. 3:50 (3m 10yd ch) 1, Yorkshire Gale (G Bradley, 11-1); 2, Equity Pleyer (5-2); 3. Arthur's Ministral (15-8 fav) 5 nan NP; Cuddy Dale 5, 161, Grifford, Tols: 59.00, E3.20, £2.10 DF: £19.70 CSF: £50.45. (23.0), (22.10 UP £19 /D CSP £30.45.
4.20 (2m ch) 1. Medines Swen Song (A Yor), (9-4 p-fw); 2. Society Guest (100-30); 3. Ur Rocket (5-1). Deer Do 9-4 p-fw. 5 rand, 91 R Hodges. Toth £3.40; £1.20, £2.20.
UP £7 30 CSF. £9 33
4.50 (2m df 110)yd ch) 1. Cool Relation (Mr A Philips, 4-5 tay); 2. Bissu Bo's Return (6-1); 3. Social Climber (33-1) 8 ran NP Ameri King, Hellum Tem, Synderborough Lad, Trust The Gypsy, Windy Ways. £9-1, 27. D Caro. Tota: £1.80, £1.30, £1.10, £3.60 DP: £3.60. Tot. £22.40. CSF. £5.28

Placepot: £128.90. Quadpot: £28.20. Newcastle Going: good to soft, soft et straight 2.30 (1m) 1. Yeest (R Coolvane, 5-2); 2. Wolm (B-15 lay); 3. Green Bopper (11-2) 7 ran. 44, 6t. W Heggas. Tote: \$2.30; £1 70, £1.20. DF. £1 80. CSF: £1.78. ran. W. G. W Haggas. Tote 'E3.30. E1 70, 21.20. DF. C1 80. CSF: E4.78.

3.05 (6) 1, Millerthan Relucio (R Hughes. 6-4 tayl; 2, Poter Referre (8-1); 3. Lucty Bea (20-1) 12 ran (20-1) 14 th Chennon Tote (20-5); 21.20, 52.20, 52.90. DF 57 80 Trov 246 50. CSF 513 77. No bid 3.35 (2m 19yd) 1, Arlan Spirit (I. Chennock, 8-1); 2, Top Prize; 14-1); 3. Hotspur Street (7-1). Javasto 11-4 law 11 ran. 21, 21 J Eyre Tote 27 60. 22 60, 57 90, 52 10 DF: 512, 27 60. 22 60, 57 90, 52 10 DF: 512, 38 carned lowed to 3.25 at Cattlenck today; CSF 510 79. Trocast 575.722

4.10 (5) 1, Stolen Klase (K Darley, 12-1), 2, Botth Hamy (8-1), 14-30, 3, Barato (16-1), Capidan Carat 11-1 J-law 14 ran. 11, 144 M W Eastedy. Tote: 516.30: 23.80, 52.50, 55.80. DF: 528.80. Troc 537 90 (past wort; pool of \$25.45 et catteriok today) CSF: 579.80 Tricast 51,112.80. 4.40 (5) 1, Blue Movie (M Fenton, 1-2 fay, 2, Fm Sail Here (5-1); 3, Wagga Moon (8-2) 4 ran -9, 91 M Beil, Tota £1 40 DF £1 90 CSF, £1 35. CSF, C3.25.
5.10 (1m 2) 32yd) 1. Asimi Weeks (K. Fallon, 20-1); 2. Steadfest Elne (10-1); 3. Drummer Hicke (16-1). Gold Desire 13-2 for 15 ren. Sh hd., sh hd. L. Lungo Tote £19.90; CS 50, £3.60, £3.20. DF. £172.10 Tho: £417.20 (part worr, pool of £235.04 camed lonward in 3.25 at Catenot Koday) CSF-£185.57. Tricast. £3,010.09

Placepot: \$1,211.90. Quadpot: \$812.90 (per worr, pool of \$389.88 carried lowward to Cateriok lodey). Huntingdon

Going: good to firm 1,50 (2m 4l 110yd hole) 1, Bartord Sovereign (P Hide, 11-8 tay), 2, Scarnallach (25-1): 3, No Morals (50-1), 13 ran 6, dist. J Fanshawa, Tota (2,10; £1 60, £2,70; £7,70 DF: £25,30 Tito 5139-30 CSF £27 63. DF: 255.30 Trior 519.30 CSF 527 63.
2.20 (2m 41 110yd highe) 1, Jimmy's Cross (A P McCoy, Evens Isv., Thunderer's rapp): 2, Tm (5-1); 3, Cean Edge (5-2) 12 min No. 22! G Bedding, Tote: C 190; E 190, E 120, E1.30 DF: 23 80 Tror 12 10, CSF, 26 54.
2.55 (2m 21 holie) 1, Casis Run (R Supple, 14-1), 2, Aca Player (18-1), 3, Petaugh (7-1) Henry Cone 7-2 law 12 ran 3, nk. John R Upsan, Tote 516,50, E5 0, E5 00, 52 10, DF: E180 60 Trior E175,00 CSF E189.49 Tricatif E1,554 25 E189.49 Tricade E1,554 Z5 3.25 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Contl D'Estruvel (A P McCoy, B-1): 2, Donver Bay (19-2), 3, Cross Carmon (7-2) Moneros 3-1 lav Bron. 5, nl. G Booting Tote E8 90, C1 50, C2 40, E1 80 DF E36 20 CSF E52 45 Tricast:

E180 DF: £36.20 CSF 552.45 Tricast: £195.26
4.00 (2m 110yd hcla) 1, The Boundar (J.A. McCarthy, 16-1); 2, Arrage (4-1 hny); 3, Pa O'Or (14-1); 4, Mr Monarly (6-1) 30 an NR Ockly Rymer, Portscatho 94, 161 O Snewcod Totar 520.40, £36.0 £2.20. £3.90, £1.50 DF: £73.20 Tino £279.70 CSF 635.97 Tricast £314.47.
4.30 (2m ch) 1, Grey Smake µ F Trioy, 5-1); 2, Starting Light (7-2, 3, Over The Comb (15-2), 869 Sailthoy 5-4 an 11 ran NR And Why Not. 111, 271 Mass H Knight. Totar £500; £21.0, £1.40, £1.50, DF: £9.90 Tinor £10.80 CSF, £22.65
5.00 (2m 110yd that race) 1, Mareito (G Cahrt, 5-1); 2, Soundsel (10-1); 3, Spring Gale (14-1). Sounds Lice Fun 3-1 hav 22 ran 31 nd. Mrs M Revelley Totar £10.90; £4.70, £2.80, £5.50 DF: £4.310 Tinor not won (pool of £564.55 camed forward to 3.5 at Carterick Soulay) CSF £75.97 Uschpot £158,655.20.

CATTERICK

THUNDERER 2.20 Queens Check. 2.50 Bargash. 3.25 Peggy Spencer. 4.00 Muchea. 4.30 Windward Ariom. 5.00 Deadline Time.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.20 LADY CAROLINE LAMB. GOING: GOOD TO SOFT · · · TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS 2.20 SPRINGTIME LIMITED STAKES

(3-Y-0: £2,679: 5f) (9 runners)

102 (8) 4102 GLA HIGH 9 (0,05-0) J Berry 9-0 PRoberts (6) 103 (7) -031 MTEDWI, RADDER 12 (6) JA Harcs 9-0 J D'Relly 104 (5) 0005 CHILLAN 39 (6) J Laligh 9-11 D McRowin 105 (6) 000- FRIESTERRE 137 J J O Nell 8-11 S Sandors 107 (2) 00-8 MONTRESTAR 55 (0,0 P Event 8-11 S Sandors 107 (3) S61- QUEBIS CHECK 146 (8,0.5) Mes J Cree 8-11 A BECSANA 6 A McGione 25
106 (9) 120- APRIL 3 507 191 (0.P) J Norton 8-8... Dale Gilsson 25
109 (4) 26-2 LADY CAROLINE LAMB 6 (0.P) M Cremon 8-8 T Option 2-1 Lady Cassine Lamb, 4-1 General Equation, 5-1 Gi La High, 6-1 Naisceil Raide 7-1 Montrester, 8-1 Guisens Check, 10-1 others

2.50 FORCETT PARK SELLING STAKES (£2,553: 71) (15)

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201 (11) 8405 ALLINSON'S MATE 12 (B.C.O.F.S) T Barron 8-9-10

102 (1) 050- BARGASH 187 (7) P Evans 4-9-10 ... S Sanders 85

203 (10) 300- HEATHYARDS MAGIC 212 (0) M Dook 4-9-10

204 (13) 3223 SPENCER'S REVENGE 9 (D.F.G) N Trakter 7-9-10 G Carbon 95

205 (12) 2223 AMPSIGNE VERITURE 9 (D.S.) M Chapters 6-9-6

206 (7) 2402 BRAMBLES WAY 477.3 W Garbon 7-9-6 F Lynch (5)
207 (3) 00/4 DESERT LORE 25 (6) Mrs. J Famedon 5-9-6 K Falton 205 (4) 50- FRAMED 124 S Wilders 5-9-6 ... M Birch 38

209 (4) 50- FRAMED 124 S Wilders 5-9-6 ... M Birch 38

210 (9) 860- MUSTRIT GRUMBLE 179 (D.F.G) D Nacholts 6-9-6

211 (5) 6- NUKUID 254 D Nicholts 4-9-6 ... M Richardson 212 (8) 050- REED MY LIPS 166 J B Bough 5-9-6 ... More Wands (7) 57

213 (6) UZ12 SEA DEWL 46 (D.B.F.J.S.) M Camaricho 10-9-6

1 Charmond 89

214 (7) 500- LARRON LINEATHUSH 196 J J O'Neill 3-8-5 S D Wilders

L Charanta 85
214 (2) SGG- LARRYLLINEATHLIGH 198.1.J Chief 3-8-5 S.D Williams 34
215 (15) PARTY POSER B Musey 3-8-2 ______ F Renten =

7-2 Allinson's Visie, 4-1 Spencer's Revenge, 5-1 Sea Deat, 8-1 Bargach Musin' Grumble, 10-1 Awesenw Veniure, 12-1 Lanyidesithugh, Sees 9est, 14-1 other:

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINCES: C Wall, 3 enoners Iron 12 runners, 25 0%. Mrs M Reveley, 22 from 94, 23.4%; M Charmon, 6 horo. 29 20 7%, Denys Smath, 5 luon 27, 16.5%; M Bell, 5 leon 27, 16.5%, Al Carnacho, 4 leon 23, 17 45. JOCKEYS. K Darloy. 28 werens from 128 rides. 21.9%, 6 Dullield. 11 from 73, 15.1%, K Falloo, 10 from 67, 14.9%, Alex Graves. 5 from 43, 11.6%; M Bircti, 12 from 112, 10.7%, J Fortune. 8 from 80. 10.0%.

LINGFIELD PARK

2.10 Domak Amaam. 2.45 Durham. 3.20 Greenwich Again. 3.50 Sooty Tem. 4.20 Arlington Lady. 4.50 Colosse. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 DOMAK AMAAM (nap). 3.20 Locorotondo. 4.20 Badger Bay.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 SAN SEBASTIAN MAIDEN STAKES 32- DOMAK AMAAM 169 J Bondon 9-0 G Head 5 00- GO WITH THE WIRD 183 M Bail 9-0 M Festion 1 WCTORY BOUND M Johnston 9-0 ... J Westers 3 0 LUCITINO 21 S Wilsons 8-9 ... J Table 4 0- SHELDS DEEAM 156 R Surgeon 8-9 ... S Dimense (3) 2 6- WAYPORT 168 R Charlion 8-9 ... T Sprains 1-2 Domak Amsum, 4-1 Victory Bound 7-1 Waypount, 8-1 Go With The Wood, 16-1 Luctino, 25-1 Sheitzi Detem.

2.45 vigo claiming stakes (£2,595 2m) (8) 1 G-14 ALLEZ CYRANO 13 G-5.5 M Bel 5-9-6 ... M Feston 8
2 0460 CAPTAN MARMALADE 6 (V.C.G) D Thom 7-8-12 ... J Tate 2
3 00. SUSSEX BORSE 13 (B) 8 Perice 5-8-12 ... D Bay (5) 6
4 05- WELL SUFFED 445 T Hand 6-12 ... D Harrison 7
5 10-2 HARLEGUR WALK 34 (C.G) R 0 Sathean 5-8-11 ... D Bayes 6
7 7-8-0 LALASDARKANADER 27 (CD.G) A Moore 8-8-8 ... A Clark 6
7 3-04 DURHAM 28 (V) R Singeon 5-8-5 ... S Drowne (3) 1
8 4520 ZURIO R.VER 21 (V) A Moore 4-9-3 ... A Websin (3) 4
2 Mar Cerem 3.1 Hardenov Wells 7-2 Destrem 5-1 Carcin Marmales 6 5-2 Miez Cyrano, 3-1 Harlegun Wall, 7-2 Durtem, 6-1 Caprain Marmelade, 7-1 Juliaszfarkinsader, 10-1 Zuno Flyer, 16-1 Well Satted, 25-1 Sussas Gorse

3.20 BILBAO LIMITED STAKES (\$2,667: 1m 2l) (6) Placepot £74.30. Quadpot £61.70. Brigarals.

3.25 GODS SOLUTION HANDICAP

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4.00 TOYTOP CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,126: 5f) (5)

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4-7 Desert Fighter, 5-1 Hullbank, 6-1 Mazzak, 7-1 Horse Of Dearns, 8-7 Mentalasametra, Cross Talk, 10-1 Saraval, 12-1 others

3.50 LIMA HANDICAP (£3,179: 1m) (10)

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5-2 Fort Knox, 3-1 Victory Team, 9-2 Sanum, 5-1 Labudd, 8-1 Waxida Beach, Scoty Tern, 12-1 Dantsan, 14-1 others

4.20 SANTANDER HANDICAP

11-4 Senset Harbour, 4-1 Artington Larty, 6-7 Young Massad, Badger Bay, 7-1 Burj, Dancing Jack, 8-1 Rowlandsons Stud. 16-1 Zuno Princess.

4.50 SANTIAGO HANDICAP (£3,070: 1m 4l) (5) 1 6-46 BAG OF TRICKS 39 (CD.6) 3 Dow 6-9-10 ... A Daly (5) 2 355' READY TO DRAW 18J (F,G.5) R O'Sulfivan 7-8-11. D Biggs 4 3 -013 COLOSE 29 (CD.6) 3 Eyes 4-8 - ... J Dubin 1 5 -5. G Banthest 5 -600 TELEPHUS 21J (B,CD.F,G) B McMath 7-7-10 N Adams 3 5-4 Colosse, 5-4 Bag Ol Trucks, 5-1 Ready To Dicay, 8-1 Telephys, 16-1 Person Naza

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS. J Gooden, 7 winners from 21 runners, 33,3%, S Williams, 5 from 21, 23,8%, N Graham, 8 from 40, 20,0%, M Bell, 6 from 30, 30,0%, D Murray-Smath, 12 from 64, 18,8%, R O'Solfican, 48 from 277, 17,3%. JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 85 winners from 290 rides, 22 4%; R Cochrone, 50 from 300, 16 7%, 5 Winneron, 23 from 148, 15 5%, D Harrison, 29 from 200. 13 8%; W Woods, 16 from 132, 12 1%; J Tate, 7 from 65, 10 6%.

Best possible

way to finish

Not with a whimper but with a resounding bang, Radio 3's season reflecting well nigh every phase of life in the 1950s ends tonight. This is a concert version of Leonard Bernstein's 1956 stage musical Candide. As all the world should know by now, Voltaire's satirical novel is about a hopeless optimist (Karl Daymond) and his search for the girl (Rebecca Caine) who has been seized as war booty. It must be

the girl (kepecca came) who has been send as war bony, it must be the only musical in history that is fuelled by the philosophy—dispensed tonight by Ron Moody's Pangloss—that "all is for the best in the best of possible worlds". What is more, it even has a hit song

Cinema history describes instances galore of actors who, having scored a success in one role, were not allowed subsequently to shake scored a success of one role, were not anowed subsequently to snake off the image. Think of the early years of Errol Flynn, swashbuckler sans pareil. Think of the virginal wholesomeness of Doris Day. Think also of Christopher Lee. In Expressing Ghosts, the first of four Afternoon Shift features about showbusiness and sports personalities who did their honest best to free themselves of type

The Fifties: Candide. Radio 3, 7.30pm.

that trumpets his Leibnitzian doctrine.

The Afternoon Shift. Radio 4, 3.00pm.

RADIO CHOICE





Oxford make light of choppy water on the Tideway yesterday in an impressive warm-up for the University Boat Race on April 6 (Mike Rosewell writes). They overhauled a London University crew containing six internationals in a race to the Mile when, aided by good steering from Todd Kristol, the American, they produced a change in pace that took a full length from

London in some 50 strokes. Oxford completed the distance in 3min 52sec. It was a heartening performance for Penny Chuter, the chief coach, and Dan Topolski, the finishing coach. The stern pair, Paul Berger and Adam Frost, the stroke, shore. They are beginning to find some real pace now." Topolski said.

John Snagge obitnary, page 21 real pace now," Topolski said.

Leading athletes will reap benefits of new circuit to rival World Cup

Old order fights triathlon revolution

Simon Lessing and Spen-cer Smith, his predeces-sor as uppeld about sor as world champion, are among a group of leading triathletes who have signed for a new world circuit that will rival the International Triathlon Union (ITU) World Cup. It could make Lessing the sport's first millionaire with Smith, his fellow Briton, not far behind.

The International Triathlon Grand Prix will involve 25 of the world's best men in a tenrace series for a first prize understood to be \$25,000 (about £16,500) at each event. Second place would earn \$20,000, with \$15,000 for third. Hitherto, World Cup prize-money has been loose change by comparison, although the fund this year has been substantially increased.

The grand prix is expected to run from July to December and appearance money has also been promised. Brad Beven, the World Cup winner for the past three years, Mike Pigg, Mark Allen and Greg means that the grand prix has scooped the world's top six. Lessing, who holds both

standard distance, has doubled his income from sponsorship deals since his victories. Because his sport involves three disciplines - swimming. cycling and running - he can endorse a greater range of products. He has deals with at east ten sponsors.

The grand prix is being launched by The World Series Triathlon Corporation, a Sydney-based organisation. According to Andrew Fraser, its public relations manager. "positive discussions" have been taking place with the ITU with a view to the grand prix receiving world governing body approval. The ITU disagrees. Les McDonald, the ITU

president, said: "There are no discussions with us at all. We see this as a rather noxious development." McDonald said that he had sent the following advisory to his board members: There is no agreement, or understanding, or communication, with [between] ITU and On Line [now Triathlon Corporation]. They are promoting a world series in opposition to the ITU World



David Powell on the latest sport to face a struggle for

control of its destiny

have the power."

greatest crisis. As one negotia-

tor said: "Now the athletes

Lessing. Smith, Welch, Al-

len, Pigg and Beven have been

keeping in contact from their

training bases. Ultimately,

this may lead to athletes who

moted by private interest bodies posing as recognised world

self-declared world events pro-

The ITU, which has succeeded in getting triathlon on the Olympic programme for Sydney in 2000, is facing its



Lessing: world champion

go with the grand prix jeopardising their participation in the Olympics. McDonald is adamant that ITU events will be the qualification route, but it would make a mockery of the sport's Olympic debut if the big names were excluded.

These athletes should be forewarned that, if they are going to be part of a rebel series which is competing with their own national federations, and the international federation, and if they do not compete in the ITU events. they will not find themselves going to the Olympics," Mc-Donald said. The ITU could, however, issue wild cards as for the world championships.

One attempt at bringing the athletes into line has failed almost before it started. The ITU has revoked the World Cup and world championships ban that it introduced only last November on athletes who compete in events portraying themselves as world championships, notably McDonald denied that the move was a response to the threat of legal action.

The grand prix is especially

only last month, it signed a deal with Pacific Sports and Entertainment (PSE), a Brisbane-based company, which, McDonald said, "will guarantee \$1 million prize-money in 1996". PSE's main shareholder is The News Corporation, parent company of The Times. The World Series Triathlon

Corporation has, for the past three years, staged a successful five-race grand prix series in Australia, involving Smith, Beven and Welch. Adam Bray. the corporation's managing director, described it as "a made-for-television series, held at resort venues" featur-"multilooped drafting races that produce well for a live television programme".

The world circuit no doubt will follow the same format. Ironically, it is a style of racing that McDonald favours. The Corporation says that it is anxious not to put a branch in the sport's spokes. "We do not want to be perceived as a rebel series," Fraser said. "What we of the sport. The profile of triathlon will go through the roof when people see what we 10.00 Musical Encounters, with

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RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, incl 6.55, 7.55 racing preview 8.35 The Magazine 11.30 Wildlife News 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck; and at 1.15 Entertainment News 2.05 Ruscoe On Five 4.30 Nationwide with Puscoe On Five 4.30 Nationwide with Julian Worricker, ncl at 5.45 Entertain-ment News 7.00 News Extra, Incl at 7.20 sport 7.35 Gary Lineker's International Football NightEngland v Bulgaria 10.05 News Talk with Jeramy Vine 11.00 Night Extra, Incl at 11.15 Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr 7.00 Simon Bates 10.00 Jonethan King 12.00 Tommy Boyd 2.00pm Anna Raeburn 4.00 Scott Christolm 7.00 Sean Bolger 9.00 Mcz Dee 10,00 James Whale 1,00-6,00er

(Brandenburg Concerto No 4 in G, BWV 1049); Stravinsky (Plano Sonata); Grieg (Plano Concerto in A minor)

Micola Hewood Thomas.

Artist of the Week: Kathryn
Stott, piano, Schubert
(Impromptu No 3 in B flet,
D938) 10.10 Haydn (String
Quartet in C, H (If 45);

Cuarter in C, H if 45); Flachmaninov (Spring Waters, Op 14 No 11); Brahms (Piano Quintet in F minor); 11.30 Dieupart (Concerto In A minor); Beethoven (15

Variations and a Fugue on an Original Theme in E flat)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Rubbra, presented by Floderic Dunnett

1.00pm Concert Hall. Live from

casting. Lee recounts how he spent 14 years playing Dracula and other monsters from both sides of the grave. What he calls his "graveyard period" stopped him from winning the roles that he most coveted.

WORLD SERVICE

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VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pan Nicky Home 7.30 Paul Coyle 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00-6.00am Robin Banks

the Wigmore Hell in London. Joaquin Achucano, piano, playa Brehms (Skr Pieces, Op 118); Schumenn (Symphonic Skrillos (D.13) 6.99mm On Air, Viveldi (Violin Concerto in E minor, Op 6 No 5); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in D Op 28. Pastorale): o); beternoven (rhano soriata in D Op 28, Pastorale); Monteverdi (Megnilicat a 8); Delius (Brigg Far, An English Rhapsody); Handel (Recorder Sonata in C, HWV 365); Franz 1 10); Schumenn (Symphonic Studies, Op13) 2.00 Schools Together 2.20 Time and Tune 2.40 Drama Workshop 3.00 Milestonic

3.00 Midweek Choice. Includes Telemann (Obce Concerto in E flat); Massanet (Méditation) 4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from Salisbury Cathedral 5.00 The Music Machine 5.15 in Tune. includes,

Rechmaninov, orch Stokowski (Prelude in C sharp minor, Op 3 No 2) 6.03 Gershwin

(Cuban Overture); Piblich (Ar Twillight)
7.30 Candide, See Choice
10.30 Shoetakovich v Bach. Bach (Prelude and Fugue in E minor, Book It No 10); Shostakovich (Prelude and Fugue in E minor, Op 87) 10.45 Night Waves. Richard Cole reviews Tim Robbins's new film Dead Man Walking 11.30-12.30mm Voices. The first of two programmes featuring Thomas Guasthoff, barlione,

6.00am News 6.10 Farming 6.25
Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, Incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport
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10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Maugham's Eye View. A triandly game of bridge reveals a sinister secret 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping
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8.05 Out of the Fire, John
Simpson profiles Nan Divi, a
wealthy Cambodian
landowner who became a
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WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 43 CHINESE BARRAGE

(c) During the First World War, a practice grew up, especially during the latter days, of delivering a barrage directed at one sector with no infantry to follow up. The actual assault was made in a neighbouring sector without artillery support. This was no sillier than announcing that an assault was imminent by a barrage that neither cut the enemy barbed wire not silenced the machine guns. A British Blackadder idea, based on the notion that the Chinese were damned tricky.

(b) A military hat of the 18th and early 19th centuries. It had two corners, unlike the Tricorne, which had three. The Duke of Wellington wore his fore and aft. Napoleon preferred to wear his sideways, ear to ear, so looking a little odd as well as sinister to English eyes. Not to be confused with the mythical beast blcorne, labled by early French romancers to grow fat through eating good and patient husbands. Its antetype was the chichevache, which fed on good women, and was, accordingly, mere skin and bone because it never got anything to eat. BLACK BOB

(c) Major-General Robert Crawford commanded the Light Division in the Peninsular War. Though a martinet, he was liked by his men, because he was careful with their lives except when flogging them, and was known affectionately as Black Bob. He died at the head of his men, leading the charge that took Ciudad Rodrigo early in 1812.

(a) The Wellington medium bomber was affectionately known to the RAF in Word War II as a Wimpy. This was nothing to do with hamburgers, which were unknown in Great Britain, but an eponym of a fictious cartoon character called J. Wellington Wimpy.

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division: Chalses 2 Brighton 2: Millwell 3 Bristol City 1; Oxford United 0 Welford 2 Swindon 1 West Ham 1; Tottenham Cryslel Pelece (), PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Barningham City 5 Shelheid United 1; Blackburn 4 West Bromwich 0; Wolverhamoton 4 Liverpool 0. Second division: Port Vale 5 Grimstry 3 JENSON LEAGUE CUP: Final: Felashham 1.

GOLF

SUNNINGDALE: Summingdale loursonness: First round: G Torbett and J Leaver (Cripotitand) by W Grant (W Berkshra) and N Burke (Horsham Parid 2 holes; W Herry (John Hil Ltd) and A Clapp (A1 Driving Range) bt T Millord (The Ridge) and R McGatin (Prince's) at 19th; B Galacher and J Galacher (Wenneorth) bt K Ferrie and I Ferrie (Ahmoudh at 19th; M Roberts and I Campbell (Sunningdale) bt C Bushell (Pindows) and D Newithern (Crowborough Bescon) 2 and 1: R Lee (Royal Mid Surrey) and R Winchester (PGAET) bt D Quinney (Heverhil) and M Johnson (Perth) 3 and 2: G Stewart (Sotogrande) and J Forbes (Sot) bt C Meminson and N Johnson (Perth) 3 and 2: T Chamiley (unsail) and D Createn (Tworth) and Lourson (Rechards) and J Forbes (Sot) bt C Meminson and N Johnson (Perth) 3 and 2: T Chamiley (unsail) and D Createn (Tworth) and Lourson (Rechards) and T Davis (Nd Padewsood) 1 hole; J Berniett (Pyrford) and H Stoti (Laleitam) bt A Clark (Old Fold Manor) and N Lawrence (A) Got) 1 hole; R Bosall (Chobham) and D Cooper (Browkood) bt C Stewart and J Coller (Valion Heath) 2 and 1; C Tucker and S Martell (Meminips Houth) bt S Duloy (Coombe Hill) and S Norman (Richmond) and D Satton (Hallon) bt G Hunt and N Stephans (Hallon) and J Sotisty (Purtice) bt G Potter (Royal Norwich) and N Keball (Sweetwoods) 2 and 2 S Geary and C Dully (Malderhead) bt J Wishter (Hindhead) and P Satton (Pine Regist) and M Payers (Mortaes Cassie) and N Ergisch (Millord) 3 and 2; J Spegifi (urst) and M Payers (Mortaes Cassie) and N Ergisch (Millord) 3 and 2; J Spegifi (urst) and M Payers (Mortaes Cassie) and N Ergisch (Millord) and M Payers (Mortaes Cassie) and N Ergisch (Millord) and M Payers (Mortaes Cassie) and N Ergisch (Millord) and M Payers (Mortaes Cassie) and N Ergisch (Millord) and M Payers (Mortaes Cassie) and N Ergisch (Millord) and M Payers (Mortaes Cassie) and Larnboum) son N Millored and S Silverson (Faillord) and T Higgine (Hill Bern) at 19tr; I Neyton and D Strochan (East Sussen Nacorral) bt Richardson and P Adams (Woroesier) 3

and 2: A Reitt and A Morganti (St George's Hil) bit K Maswell and J Carr (Surrengdale) I hole: G Everse and S Nightingale (Worthing) bit G Shoesmith (West Hill) and B White (Sution Green) 5 and 3: M King (Surningdale) and C Masson (PGAET) bit R Dadman (Barnised Downs) and M Kirby (Purley Downs) 8 and 7; J Hay and M Savory (Waterlooville) bit P Morley (Reacing) and B Reid (Wisley) 3 and 2; R Hurst and 1 Paterson (Leatherlead) bit A Carter (Lincoin) and 6 Satistor (Buston on Tirent) 3 and 2; J Little (Moor Part), and C Duke (Portica Park) bit N Comolly and 5 Edwards (Warwacistin's 1 hole; J Challen (Oliva Nova, Sp.) and C Challen (Stoke Poges) bit D Sinciair and D Rigby (Bowood) 3 and 2; S Moon (Cross Reint-e-Rigent) and A Brewer (Denham) bit A MicLean and K Miller (Duddingston) 4 and 3; B Bartern (Lydd) and P Stuart (London) bit M Foster (Worksop) and G Harris (Broome Manor) 4 and 3; W Blacien and S Grittine (Uned) 4 and 3; W Blacien and S Grittine (Uned) 4 and 3; W Blacien and S Grittine (Uned) 4 and 3; W Blacien and S Grittine (Uned) 4 and 3; W Blacien and S Grittine (Uned) 4 and 1; D Despier (Worthing) and N New (Coombe Hill) 4 and 3; S Hotge and I. Roberts (Home Park) bit S Baguley (Surningdale) and J Weir (Lamboum) 1 hois; K Stables (Montrose) and A Webser (Edzell) bit C Maroney and I Resy (Bolton Old Links) 3 and 2; C Rodgers (Royal Mid Suney) and P Casey (Burthill) bit T Craft and D King (Frillod) Host (Power Park) bit C Griffeld) 5 and 4; P Wesselmph, (Hawkatone Park) bit C Griffeld) 5 and 4; P Wesselmph, (Hawkatone Park) bit C Griffeld) 6 and 5; J Hearin and B Porter (Burnham and Berrow) bit J Harris and K Gooffrey (St Enodoc) bit L Fricking end M Deal (Erifield) 5 and 4; P Wesselmph, (Hawkatone Park) bit C Griffeld) 6 and 5; J Hearin and B Porter (Burnham and Berrow) bit L Fricking end M Berges (Stoke Poges) 1 hole; L James (Borsandstone) and 8 Reinselme) and M Berges (Stoke Poges) 1 hours and 5 Cutarence (Manor of Grosse) bit R Hunter and G Lashford (Maladen) 5 and 4 G Ross and M Cormichael (Greenoud)

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FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool one: Toulouse 41 Racing 20; Grenoble 26 Narborne 12: Nimes 19 Toulon 19; Nice 14 Peupigran 10; Beyonne 16 Agen 30; Pool two: Castres 21 Pau 13; Montlemand 22 Bourgoin 15; Blagles-Bordeaux 35 Colomers 3; Brive 41 Romitly 17; Dux 41 Montpellier 7.

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Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.

7.00 The Glass Bottom Boat (1966) (53521716) 9.00 Little Women (1949) (66641440) 11.15 i Am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang (1932) (\$230534) 12,55 Suzy (1936) (2625904)) 2,45-5.00 The Glena Bottom Boat (1966) 166797751

Lethargy, laughter and lightning, all right?

REVIEW

chuffed to bits when last night culminated in ITV's unmissable Savage Skies. It concerned tornados in America, you see: people stood and watched helpless while churning clouds advanced towards them, a dark umbilical cord sucking and destroying, its vortex whipping with winds of 200 miles an hour. As one tornado rwisted through a geranium greenhouse in Wichita, the funnel of mad air turned visibly pink. So what is the symbolic link with such programmes as And the Beat Goes On? Well. you can see it coming,

And the Beat Goes On (Channel 4) has been unluckily named, I feel. The title suggests tedium. But the most unfortunate thing about this peculiarly lifeless period Brookside is the complete lack of action and surprise. Bored by the

current goings-on, you scan the horizon for the next event, and then monitor its slow but inevitable advance, sometimes consulting your watch. After two weeks which we should remember equals two hours of a viewer's life for ever lost - no scene has actually required dialogue to put it across. Rendered silently or in Portuguese, the action would be equally comprehensible. Christine raven-haired middle-class English student - has at last discovered that Lawrentian lover Jack is not truly working-class, but only putting on an act for purposes of romantic advancement. Gosh, is this really true? Well, I'll go to the foot of our stairs.

After last week's review, in which I stated with unfounded confidence that the street of terraced houses was a set borrowed from Dennis Potter's Lipstick on Your Collar, a spokesman from Mersey TV phoned up to object:

this was a real street over which much care had been taken. The same sort of care has been taken, I suppose, to remind us of authentic 1960 phraseology - "Are you all right?" "No, he's half left" - but it doesn't add up to much. The real tragedy is that And the Beat has none of the vitality, the sheer style of real 1960s film-making. Our forgettable hero, Ritchie, is a pudding on legs who occasionally scowls at the poor hand life has dealt him, and reminds us of bodily functions such as masturbation. Jenny Agutter is the best thing in it, and all credit to her. She is hoeing a lonely row.

ymptomatic of the malaise of And the Beat is that whenever attention turns to Mr Spencer's factory, there is no work going on. People gossip in pairs, or lean over banisters, as though about to burst into song. There is no noise of production, although

Lynne Truss

Mr Spencer (Stephen Moore) looks quite satisfied when he watches the shopfloor from his office window. Full employment probably has something to do with this. We must blame Supermac.

How different is the leisure centre in The Brittas Empire (BBC1). And how unfair of the Almighty that the writers of Britias can have eight distinct zingy ideas for a single half-hour a borrowed one with weak classic. and stretches it over eight hours. so thinly that you can see through it to the tubes in the telly. Farce requires endless invention, and in The Brittus Empire, yes, you can see things coming, but that's the point: they know you can. Each plot line last night — a Casanova doppelganger for Mr Brittas; a misconceived marketing drive: Colin's herbal medicine; the deputation from the Church of Chananooga: a bear loose in the carpark was obviously leading somewhere, but it was impossible to

predict exactly where. The Brittas Empire is on top form. Each week it hits the ground running. Harriet Thorpe as ditsy receptionist Carole is an utter joy, and Chris Barrie was right to stick with Gordon Brittas - a man who presents alibis such as "I was at home emptying my turn-ups". "Hold on, didn't I ban you for snapped at a feeble old age pensioner who had come to the leisure centre hoping for a swim. "Out. out," he commanded (a sympatheric "Aw" from the audience), and should her back outside. B ack with Savage Skies, we had lightning as well as tornados — next week, hur-

ricanes! Oh ves, in the search for energy on the box, one need look no further than this. Sometimes I spare a thought for Ian Holm, however, as he solemnly tolls the mortality statistics in that wonderful - well, tolling manner of his. "In just 45 minutes, it caused 30 million dollars worth of damage. Forget those ten-year-olds in America who have seen a zillion murders by the age of ten. Think how many people's deaths Ian Holm must have recounted in his excellent voice-over career, doing

Last night's Savage Skies was like Gaul, in three parts, First

lightning, then people running away from tornados, and then (curiously) people running to-wards them. Some of these storm chasers had legitimate business for driving their little cars towards thunderheads: others less so. They all looked mad to me. One photographer who took pictures of lightning spent night after night capturing light-streaks on celluloid, and yelling with every flash in the sky "All right! Awill right!" Occasionally he exclaimed "Woo!" but then he resumed "All RIGHT! Awwilfl right!" I would not want to be this man, but I envy him one thing: he knows exactly what his last utterance on earth will be. Night after night, he sees it coming. And on his gravestone they will carve the words "He said wars and floods and genocides. I it was all right".

6.00am Business Breakfast (43331) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Caefax) (74602)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelas) 9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (2930843) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (8754398)

10.30 Good Morning (92398) 12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2881263) 12.05pm Turnabout (s) (5204805) 12.30

Going for a Song (s) (42058) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceetax) and 1.30 Regional News and weather (91417535)

1.40 Neighbours (Ceelax) (s) (94425621) 2.00 Pebble Mill (s) (8110669) 2.40 Snowy River — the McGregor Saga with Joshua Lucas. Adventure and

romance set in early 20th-century Australia (r) (s) (1824398) 3.30 Moomin (6521973) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (s) (5595843) 4.10 Rugrata (r) (s) (1439945) 4.35 Out of Tune (Ceefax)

(s) (2597992) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (3346244) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (1956992)

5.35 Neighbours. Libby learns the meaning o journalistic integrity; and Jen is worried that her brother has outstayed his welcome (Ceelax) (s) (653076) 6.00 Stx O'Clock News (Ceetax) and weather

6.30 Regional News Magazines (263) 7.00 Les Dawson: The Entertainer, Michael Parkinson Introduces a programme celebrating the funniest moments, from

1968 to 1993, in the career of one of Britam's best-loved comedians (r) (Ceslax) (s) (4008) 7.30 Here and Now. Sue Lawley and her team

present hard-hitting investigations and topical news teatures (Ceetax) (s) (447) 8.00 Hearts of Gold presented by Esther Rantzen and Carol

ne (Ceelax) (S) (310602) 8.50 Points of View (Ceelax) (s) (396466) 8.55 Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (Ceelax) (s) (395737)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Caefax), regional 9.30 Silent Witness. Drama senes about a torensic pathologist, A charred body is lound in a burnt-out restaurant owned by the father of a Vietnamese student Sam knows. A post-mortem indicates murder

Starring Amanda Burton and John McGlynn (Ceelax) (s) (994718) 10.20 Sportsnight Desmond Lynam with highlights of England's football match against Bulgaria at Wembley: plus highlights of Scotland's game against Australia, and Northern Ireland v Norway

Includes a look ahead to the Grand National (s) (803060) 12.00 FiLM: Fever Pitch (1985) starring Ryan O'Neal, Catherine Hicks, Giancarlo Giannini, Bridgette Anderson and Chad Everett A journalist goes undercover to expose the twilight world of illegal dens. Directed by Richard

gambling dens Brooks (98003) 1.30am Weather (4815157)

VideoPlus+ and the Video PlusCodes The numbers next to each TV programme listing are Video PlusCode "numbers, which 1840 # 44 1 BBC2

6.00am Open University: Maths (9362824) 6.25 Volcanic Iceland (9341331) 6.50 What is Music? (6566089

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Cealax and signing) (1468379) 7.30 Stingray (r) (Ceelax) (95195) 8.00 Take Two (r) (Ceelax) (s) (5174824) 8.25 Wishing (r) (s) (6605824)

8.40 The Record (s) (6782195) 9.05 Daytime on Two: Mathsphere Special (6594060) 9.25 English Express (s) (s) (6594050) 9.25 English Express (s) (6514824) 9.45 Words and Pictures (s) (9857089) 10.00 Playdays (s) (4282911) 10.25 Numberlime (s) (6059440) 10.45 Cats' Eyes (s) (3082447) 11.00 Around Scotland (s) (6780485) 11.20 Music Makers (s) (8573089) 11.40 Study Ireland (s) (4161737) 12.00 TV6 (s) (72669) (s) 42 35187 Wordshare Limbel (92440) 400 12.30pm Working Lunch (93640) 1.00
The Geography Programme (s) (82970805) 1.20 Zig Zag: Where You Live, Where I Live (s) (82990669) 1,40
Come Outside (s) (94423263) 2.00
Wishing (r) (s) (20288669)

2.10 The Andrew Neil Show (s) (4869843) 3.00 News (Ceelax) (8742909) 3.05 Westminster with Nick Ross (Ceelax) (s) (6448244) 3.55 News (Ceelex) (4765534)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (176) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (260) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. From Hollywood, with Sylvester Stallone and Cindy Crawlord (Ceelax) (s) (3546175)

5.40 A Week to Remember (545331) 5.50 More Secret Gardens: Sunnybank Road, Sutton Cokifield, Birmingham Chris and Margaret Jones have created a special garden in only ten years (719992) 6.00 Star Trek: the Next Generation

(Ceelax) (s) (442534) 6.45 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (r) (580563)

7.30 Young Musicians 96. National Percussion Final. July members Richard Benjalield, David Corkhill and Paul Clarvis pick one player to go forward to the Concerto final on Sunday. introduced by Sarah Walker (s) (34114) 8.30 University Challenge. The second quarter-final. the London School of

Economics v Pembroka Collega, Oxford



Bodies beautiful (9.00pm)

9.00 PLODE Modern Times: Beautiful Men (Ceelax) (s) (519992) 9.50 CHOICE A Man's World: the Father. (Ceetas) (5) (420718)

10.30 Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (Ceetas) (s) (646176) 10.35 Newsnight (Ceeta) (375089) 11.15 Murder One: Chapter Four

(Ceelax) (s) (177534) WALES: 11.15 Wales 2006 — the Agenda (177534) 12.05am The Midnight Hour (s) (5508003)

12.30-7.15 The Learning Zone

CHOICE Hearts of Gold

BBC1, 8.00pm The content, as always, is fine and admirable. Ordinary people who have displayed extraordinary courage deserve to be leted on television. The reservation is whether this schmalizy showbusiness format is the right way to do it. Kicking off the new series are Alan Sharpe and John Piff, the British lorry drivers who risked their own lives to rescue three people from a blazing petrol station in Belgium. Their bravery was

truly heroic, but they are modest men and clearly upset by the fuss. Suddenly confronting them with the three survivors releases emotions that might better be reserved for a more private occasion. Thankfully less mawkish are salutes to a woman who raises funds for a little-publicised disease and an off-duty nurse who saved a young road accident victim.

Travelog Channel 4. 8_30pm

Pere McCarthy rounds off the current series by visiting Laos. If he is less jocular than usual, one of the poorest countries in the world is not the best venue to make jokes about. Nor is it tasteful to be (lippant about a nation on which the United States dropped more bombs during the Vietnam conflict than it dropped in the whole of the Second World War. McCarthy does not even try. On the contrary, he says it is hard not to feel ashamed. But this is no party political broadcast. McCarthy has done his homework on Laotan history and unravels an intriguing cultural mix of French colonialism, Buddhism, Marxism and Pepsi-Cola. His nightmare is that a traditional and unsulfied society will go the same tasteless way as neighbouring Thailand.

Modern Times: Beautiful Meg

The Miss World contest may have been politically incorrect but at the peak of its popularity 27 million people watched it. But first the BBC, and then ITV, decided the show was degrading to women. The Miss World organisers, Eric and Julia Morley, were undaunted. Last year they started a beauty contest for men. Helena Appio's skittish film follows some of the lads hoping to become Mr UK and, perhaps, Mr World. The heats take place in nightchubs before audiences of screaming girls. Asked about his hobbies, Darnon, a 24-year-old builder replies: "Drinking, mainty." Miss World veterans, such as compere Judith Chalmers and judge Michael Winner, are invited to describe the man of the 1990s. They struggle. One Miss World married Bruce Forsyth. Phil, voted Mr Essex, and Andy, alias Mr Coventry, must hope for other spin-offs.

A Man's World: The Father BBC2, 9.50pm

in the first half of the 20th century the man's role was to go out to work leaving his wife to bring up the children. Fathers who changed nappies or pushed prams would be accuse of being hen-pecked and of surrendering some of their manliness. That, at least, was the norm but it was often challenged. As well as other moments of tenderness, a Welshman remembers singing his small daughter to sleep with, of all things, The Red Flag. After the war, as one of those splendidly stilted Ministry of Information films shows, the Government actually promoted the idea of fatherhood classes, When children starting crowing up it was When children starting growing up, it was the father's job to prepare them for the harsh world outside. Working-class children were taught to be streetwise, while middle-class fathers sent their sons to boarding schools to toughen them up. Peter Waymark A STATE OF THE STA

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12.55 Shortland Street (s) (7649805) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (7271076) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (30513089) 2.25 Chain Letters (Teletext) (s) (30525824) 2.50 Vanessa (Teletext) (s) (4111621) 3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (4247599)

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5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (288534) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Telated) (s) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (264843) 7.00 Wish You Were Here .. ? Judith

Kamak, John Carter visits Hong Kong, and Anna Walker has a murder weekend in Harrogate (Teletext) (s) (9176) 7.30 Coronation Street. Sally is delighted by



8.03 A Royal Gala. In celebration of the 10th anniversary of The Prince's Youth Business Trust, Sk David Frost and Joanna Lumley present a star-spangled evening at the Albert Hall in the presence of the Prince of Wales Celebrities taking part include Shirley Bassey, Eric Clapton, Barry Manilow, Cannon & Bail and the Chinese State Circus (s) (8832)

10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (731060) 10.05 News and weather (Teletaxt) (428824)

10.35 Regional News (398027) 10.45 FILM: The Haunted (1991) staming Sally Kirkland, Jeffrey DeMunn and Louise Latham A Pennsylvanian family requests the combined services of both Church and parapsychology to rid their home of demonic forces. Directed by Robert Mandel (Teletext) (s) (41745843)

12.25 God's Gift (4523664) 1.25 Dear Nick (4696664)

2.25 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (4682954) 2.55 Murder, She Wrote (r) (2206848) 3.50 Coach (s) (18016577)

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4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (89683) 5.00 Cover Story (r) (s) (64886) 5.30 Morning News (59867)

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Pete McCarthy visits Laos (8.30pm)

8.30 Travelog. (Tele(ext) (s) (5973)

9.00 Dispatches. The story of the cardiac surgeons who continued to perform open-heart surgery on small babies and intants in spite of five years of warnings that the mortality rates of their young national average. (Teletext) (893466) 10.00 ER. Greene receives yery bad news from

both his write and the hospital (Teleterd) (s) (7669) 11.00 Friends (r) (Teletext) (s) (735634)

11.25 The Long Johns. George Parr, the senior political adviser at No 10, explains the Government's policy on asylum and immigration. With John Bird and John Fortune (Teletext) (s) (537089) 11.40 Cheers. Part one of a story in which Carla talls head-over-heels for the Boston Bruins' goalie (r) (Teletext) (59805)

12.15am NBA XXI. San Antonio Spurs at the Indiana Facers (s) (42664) 2.15 FILM: Big Trouble (1984) starring Alan Arkin, Peter Falk and Valerie Curtin. A comedy about an insurance salesman. accomplice to pay for his sons' education. Directed by John Cassavetes (871157). Ends at 3.35am

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Real World (6398) 7.00 European Top 20 Countdown (46718) 8.00 Evening Ma. 194027) 9.30 Amour (79911) 10.30 Min. 194027) 9.30 Amour (79911) 10.30 Min. 51.de (93224) 11.00 Uropluged (51824) 12.00 Night Videos (6509490) 5.00-7.30 Morning Mo (64848)

4.00 Schools: Geographical Eye Over Asia (91003). Ends at 5.00

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7.00am Boiled Egg and Soldiers (99718) 8.30 Press Your Luck (5777398) 8.50 Love Connection (4812485) 9.20 Court TV ECRE-147) 9.50 The Oprain Wintrey Show [6085447] 9.50 The Cipran Wintrey Show (152756) 10.40 Jeopardy! [6889465] 11.10 Salv Jessy Paphael (2624737) 12.00 Secondy (27621) 1.00pm Hotel (43669) 2.00 Gerado (14756) 2.00 Count Tv (8843) 9.30 The Opeah Wintrey Show (5685244) 4.15 Undur (1567737) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (9195) 6.00 The Simpsons (6114) 8.30 Jeopardyl (7466) 7.00 LAPD (8404) 7.30 M°-8"SH (6550) 8.00 Space Above and Beyond (73824) 9.00 The Outer Limits (53060) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (63447) 11.00 Meriose Place Generation (63447) 11.00 Meriose Place (30282) 12.00 Late Show with Dayd (30282) 12.00 Late Show with David Letterman (4395585) 12.45em The Un-touchables (4237428) 1.30 Daddy Deerest

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THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL 6.15am Berny Hain 6.45 Good Morning Europe 4.80 Thought for the Day 4.05 Worship 4.15 Kot: TV 4.30 Highway to Heaven 5.00 Asneath & Gloria Copeland 5.30 Christian Music TV 5.45 Cerman Times SKY SOAP

7.00em Guding Light (5712992) 7.55 As the World Turns (651824) 8.50 Payton Place (6968973) 9.20 Pays of Our Lives (7000982) 10.10-11.00 Another World SKY TRAVEL 11.00am Gioboliofier (4058466) 11.30 Destruction: (4059195) 12.00 Abska (2154360) 12.30pm The Real Food of China (9514466) 1.00 Gotoway (1653447)



THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.00pm Hitler's Navy (4049718) 5.00-7.00 Biography Special (2175843) THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

7.00pm Battlestar Galactica (\$348398) 7.55 FLM Back to the Fidure Part III (\$4319485) 10.00 Close (4119282) 1.00 Bettlestar Galactica (7394393) 2.00-4.00 FILM: Back to the Fidure Part III (\$538393) 9,00am Painting (7948089) 9,30 Grow You Own (2467331) 10,00 Two's Country You Dan (2467/331) 10.00 Iwo 5 Country (3591553) 10.30 Our House (7937973) 11.00 Room Service (2594718) 11.30 Purming Repairs (2595447) 12.00 Julia Child (7951553) 12.30 pm Frugal Gournel (2478447) 1.00 Yan Can Cook (3206878) 1.30 Furmiure (2477718) 2.00 Dunbar (4387263) 2.30 Stars and Garders (4 (699114) 3.00 Two's Country (4306398) 3.30-4.00 This Old House (6661331)

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3.00 Shopping at Night (34127157) 8.00em Amacing Live Sea Monkeys (23027) 6.30 Pugwall (30701) 7.00 Ready or Not (40718) 7.30 California Dreams (\$2553) 8.00 Sweet Valley High (12350) 8.30 Baby Folkes (4749037) 8.45 Dinobables (4728534) 9.05 Victor and Maria (5121485) 8.20 Rose and Jim (5193602) 9.40 Bump the Elephant (8044737) 9.40 Bump the Elephant (8044737) 9.50 The Clangers (8033821) 10.00 Irrny and Crew (5477398) 10.20 The Adventures of Spot (8728553) 10.30 Gran (8729027) 10.40 10 - 2 (3788319) 11.00 Sersome Street (38973) 12.00 Berney and Friends (1718992) 12.35pm Victor and Maria (39946114) 12.50 Rosle and Jim (3125468) 1.10 Bump the Elephant (37970486) 1.20 Teddy Trucks (37969650) 1.30 Timy and Crew (79161399) 1.50 The Advertises of Spot (28044447) 2.00 Gran (1869756) 2.10 10 + 2 (93132185) 2.30 Jim Herson's Annata Show (2311) 3.00 Cscar's Orchestra (4114) 3.30 The New Polk Partitler Show (4175) 4.00 Calstoma Dreams (6911) 4.30-5.00 Sweet Valley High (2195) NICKELODEON

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FAMILY CHANNEL

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7,30am Long Form (54911) 8,00 Marning

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27 1996

Venables resists clamour for Fowler but gives Ince midfield role

Pride the spur for Ferdinand

POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

IF EVER pride could stir the deeds of a sportsman, it should inspire Les Ferdinand at Wembley Stadium tonight. Having begun the week in the embrace of Pelé, receiving the vote of his fellow professionals as England's footballer of the year, Ferdinand then hit a period of quiet desperation, wondering if the clamour for Robbie Fowler, the irresistible apprentice, would deny him his place in the national side.

It has not. Fowler, 20, is a substitute, Alan Shearer is out with a niggling groin strain. and so, in the words of Terry Venables, the England coach Ferdinand has been given his chance "to be the main threat" to a Bulgaria side that he rates as the most potent attacking force in the forthcoming European championship.

There are four changes from the last England side, which drew with Portugal in Decem-

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ber. Tony Adams, the captain then, is injured, so his armband will be worn by Stuart Pearce, at 33 proving that perseverance is sometimes all on the sporting front. in place of Adams. Gareth Southgate, having been con-verted from midfield to centre back by Aston Villa, proves that Venables is looking for versatility and intelligence in his ranks. In the midfield, joining Paul Gascoigne as the fulcrum of the team, Paul Ince has his first chance in a year to persuade Venables that he has learnt discipline, both in the personal sense and in terms of holding his position, as the side's anchor. Ince. of Internazionale, is getting to grips with Italian football, despite being sent off against

Udinese last Sunday. With Gascoigne told publicly by Venables that it is time began using himself to best effect for the team, and Ince instructed to be responsible in harness with him, the wings,



Ince, who has been recalled to the England team against Bulgaria tonight, lets fly with a volley in training yesterday. Photograph: Steve Morton

that have troubled England for so long, are entrusted to Steve Stone, on the right, and

Steve McManaman. Some maintain that McManaman is at his best for Liverpool in a free role. Both the player and the coach were at pains yesterday to explain that McManaman will start

wide on the left, with scope to come infield, to operate effectively in an old-fashioned inside left position. "He's got that licence," Venables said. "If he finds he's getting joy wide out on the left, he should stay there to give the team width, but really I'm asking nothing different to the way he's played recently for Liverpool." Stone, though he privately

hankers for a role infield as well, will do as he has previously done for England to spectacular effect, patrol up and down the right with bulklog tenacity. There may be limitations to Stone's technique, but none at all in terms of his heart and commitment, and, though Venables stresses that the game tonight is preparation for Euro 96, rather than all-important in itself, one can feel around the England camp at Bisham Abbey a rising expectation, a tightening of the competitive morale. The tournament is 11 weeks away, during which time England have just five matches to prepare, and every game where a man is given the shirt is a chance to keep someone

Teddy Sheringham returns to the role linking the midfield and the main striker, in preference to Nick Barmby. With his speed of thought rather than quick movement, Sheringham is becoming the pivotal choice in that vital

"It's important for everyone," Ince said yesterday, "important for English foot-ball as a whole because of what is coming in the sum-mer. From outside the country, now that I am playing in Italy, I know that technically there are people a lot better than us, but, sometimes, the football over there can be a

ot a rugby league team? Get a moniker. Halifax, affectionate-

ly known as the Thrum Hal-

lers for 101 years at their

Gibbet Street home, are now,

officially, Halifax Blue Sox.

The new name caused a

collective raising of eyebrows

in the West Yorkshire town

The inspiration comes from

the Chicago White Sox and

Boston Red Sox. Not that

there is much interest in

baseball in Halifax, apart

from those supporters who

would raise a baseball bat to

the people whose idea it was.

Local opinion is divided be-

tween the name being the

height of fashion and the

height of absurdity. Rather

than baseball caps and tops,

most players wore club blazer

and tie for the announcement.

"It will settle down and sink in

with supporters," Steve

Simms, the Blue Sox coach,

said. "After a little while, it

The opening Super League

programme this weekend is a

sign of changing times, with

the Broncos (London) hoping to buck the Blue Sox, the Bulls

(Bradford) to gore the Tigers

(Castleford) and the Bears

(Oldham) to maul Wigan -

does get a bit catchy."

yesterday.



Ferdinand: confidence

little slow. We've got great assets, and this is our chance to show them as a team."

It is a chance against illustrious opposition. Provided that Bulgaria, the World Cup semi-finalists, are motivated tonight, they will bring tech-nique in the extreme, and sharp, rapacious counter-at-

tacking skills. Hristo Stoichkov, their captain and catalyst, is like a volcano; one can never be sure possesses the most breathtaking of left-foot skills, yet the potential for disgrace; there is poison in him when aroused, yet so much beauty in the

talent that not only he, but also the likes of Emil Kostadinov and lordan Lechkov, possess.

Ferdinand has the task of trying to upstage them. When Professional Footballers' Association in London on Sunday night, when he hugged Pelé, the greatest player in the game's history, one could see elf-esteem rise within him. He has such physical power, the potency that Venables talks about, but also a tendency to under-perform, to become almost shy and introverted and not to utilise his talents fully. Newcastle Uni-

ted have begun to change that, to instil confidence. In place of Shearer, whose past 18 months and ten games without a goal for England must invite a challenge from someone, Ferdinand has become the right man at the right time, but, even now, he will look over his shoulder, if he is not scoring, and see

One senses that all the Artful Dodger of Liverpool is waiting for is half a chance to pick someone else's pocket.

England begin * search for coach to replace Illingworth

WHEN he left Lord's yesterday, M. J. K. Smith, the man who would be chairman of England's cricket selectors had not Raymond Illingworth beaten him to the post two years ago, let down his car window to allow a lone pho-tographer to take his picture.

It appeared a vainglorious act, but Smith, who had just come out of a meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) to decide how the England team should be managed, after another winter of woe, had reason to feel satisfied with his afternoon's

Smith may have lost his aggressive battle to remove Illingworth as chairman of selectors, but he and Warwickshire, his county, who are in the vanguard of calls for progressive leadership, could yet win the war.

It was decided at Lord's that Illingworth and his selection panel will work until September, when they will choose the winter touring parties, and then be replaced by a new management team, whose structure will be determined by a working party being set up by David Acfield. This is what the progressives wanted. One of the selectors will be a

new appointee, a coach to the England team who effectively succeeds to the position of manager which Illingworth resigned at the weekend, as revealed by The Times yesterday. The favourites for the position are David Lloyd, of Lancashire, and John Emburey, who recently signed a four-year contract to coach

The problem for any candidate is that he may be wanted by England for the next six months, but not necessarily thereafter, and to take this chance he might have to forfeit a lucrative county career. This is one of the problems facing the TCCB's ten-man executive committee, chaired by Dennis Silk, which discussed a range of potential candidates yesterday and will be talking to

some of them shortly. Time is of the essence, as the TCCB would like selectors in place to choose players for the England A v The Rest fixture at Chelmsford starting on April 20. England's next match is the first one-day

international against India, at the Oval on May 23.

The chosen coach will have 12 matches to make his mark with England - three one-day internationals and three Test matches against both India and Pakistan.

Lloyd remains the clear favourite. Most important, he has the support of Michael Atherton, the England captain since 1993, with whom he has worked well at Lancashire. Nor does he have a contract as Lloyd made the usual noises yesterday of a man being (3) touted for a big promotion, and certainly did not rule

himself out. The addition of a coach means that the selection panel will now comprise five members: the chairman (Illingworth), the coach, the captain



Lloyd: leading candidate

(who will presumably remain Atherion) and two elected

It is already certain that the names of David Graveney and Fred Titmus, who occupied these positions last summer, will be joined by at least one forward-thinking candidate, who will be put up by the

"The profile being given to the new coach is excellent news." Paul Sheldon, the chief executive of Surrey, who supported Warwickshire's attempted ousting of Illingworth

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last week, said yesterday.
The way the board has arranged things leaves open the possibilities of big changes in September. I'm sure David Actield will canvas opinions widely and if he does we will abide by his findings."

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1 A lot (4)

4 Minion (6)

2 Hurtful irony (7)

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6 Card game, played in drive

7 (Cause of) technical hitch (7)

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Foster's record pay day

else out of contention.

MARK FOSTER, one of the Great Britain swimming team's best hopes for a gold medal at the Olympic Games this summer, broke the world 50 metres butterfly longcourse record and picked up a £10.000 bonus at the Empire pool in Cardiff last night.

Foster, 25. who will swim the 50 metres freestyle in Atlanta, added the long-course butterfly best to his world short-course mark of 23.45sec.

With James Hickman and Jamie Salter, his Olympic team-mates, to urge him on, Foster, who is based in the Cardiff. lowered the world record for one length from

24.27sec to 24.07sec. "I am very pleased: I seemed to be over-revving a bit, but I had a lot of confidence," Foster said. "I felt better tonight than I did at the Olympic trials at the weekend, and I just wish I had been going for the world record in the 50-metre freestyle.

"This will give me a lot of confidence for the Olympics and I will definitely be going for gold in the 50 freestyle." Foster's sponsors had put together a cash and car incen-

tive package worth £10,000 for

the record attempt.

Christopher Irvine on the teams setting the

Halifax borrow something

blue for brave new world

trend in rugby league

one of a minority of clubs without a nickname.

Highfield, the sport's perennial losers, reinvented themselves as the Prescot Panthers this week. The trend in the lower divisions has also been taken up by Huddersfield, Salford. Batley. Chorley, Doncaster, Hunslet, Swinton,



Giants, Reds, Bulldogs, Chieftains, Dragons, Hawks, Lions, Centurions and Braves, respectively.

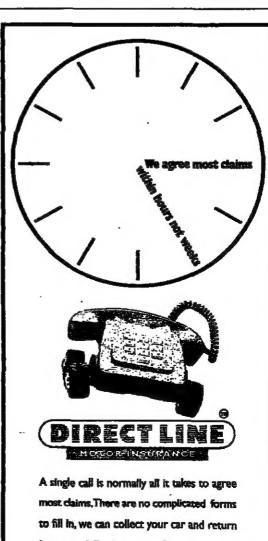
Keighley pioneered the American way with adoption of the Cougars' emblem five years ago. Crowds there have increased ten-fold. Clubs that

ing ploy are now scrambling for exclusive use of a variety of animals and demonised creatures. All these were rejected by Halifax in settling on Blue Sox, the most radical of the new identities.

The anguished question of club mergers was one of the reasons. Nigel Wood, the Halifax chief executive, said: Too few spectators are still being sought by too many Super League clubs. It doesn't take a wise man from China to work out four in West Yorkshire is an over-representation. To compete effectively and stand alone we had to do something positive to broaden our appeal

We could have gone for a macho and aggressive name, but the game itself is strong and hard enough without reinforcing traditional images and preconceptions."

To accommodate the new Blue Sox supporters that it hopes to attract, the club also announced a £5 million ground redevelopment. On match days, rugby league will be part of an overall entertainment package. Supporters carrying baseball bats, however, can expect to have them confiscated.



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